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Solidarity leader jailed

A top leader of the Polish trade union Solidarity has been jailed for four years for violating martial law and the government has introduced new regulations to control trade union funds. — Page 16.

Man of the Year raises eyebrows

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (R) — Time magazine's selection of the computer as its "Man of the Year" has upset some readers, a Time spokesman said Tuesday.

"Some people were dismayed that we had selected a computer when they felt it was a year and an era when humanity was needed and should be applauded," spokesman Brian Brown said.

The selection, announced Monday, was the first time the magazine had placed a machine on its annual cover.

"There are some occasions," this week's issue states, "when the most significant force in a year's news is not a single individual but a process."

Portugal's coalition at crossroads

LISBON, Dec. 28 (R) — Portugal's ruling right-wing alliance faced a choice Tuesday of accepting an obscure academic-cum-politician as prime minister or letting the increasingly shaky three-party coalition break up.

Prof. Vitor Pereira Crespo, a former minister of education, was named Monday as the

Plot to overthrow Duvalier foiled

SANTO DOMINGO, Dec. 28 (R) — The Dominican Republic has foiled a plot to overthrow Haitian President Jean-Claude Duvalier, police sources have said.

They said the plot leader was arrested last Thursday when he arrived from Miami with 12 sub-machine guns, 11 pistols and five rifles which he tried to pass off as toys.

When he was questioned, the man, Hieraut Dominique, admitted planning to smuggle the arms across the border to Haiti to be used to oust Duvalier, the sources added. Police said they were looking for Dominique's accomplices. Early this year a small group of Haitian exiles were defeated trying to invade Haiti.

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Chinese seek to normalize Soviet ties

PEKING, Dec. 28 (R) — China Tuesday made a rare call on the Soviet Union to work together to normalize relations through concrete actions.

The call for a step-by-step approach was made in a message marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union.

It omitted reference to China's previous insistence that the onus for improving relations rested entirely on the Soviet side.

In what Western diplomats described as an expression of goodwill China said it "sincerely hopes that the relations between the two countries would be normalized step by step and a good-neighborly relationship would be established."

It added, "the two sides should jointly work for the realization of this goal through negotiations, concrete actions and removal of obstacles."

The message was withheld in Peking until Tuesday, when it was published by the English-language service of the official New China News Agency. It has not yet appeared in the Chinese-language press.

The message expressed "warm congratulations and good wishes to the great Soviet people of all nationalities," and referred to the "traditional friendship between the Chinese and Soviet peoples."

Western diplomats said the positive wording was an expression of Chinese goodwill, and that the reference to joint action was an advance on the part of the Chinese who until now have placed the onus in improving relations entirely on the Soviet side.

"The message is definitely a friendly gesture and the reference to making joint efforts is interesting. But it would be wrong to jump to hasty conclusions on the evidence of just this message," one diplomat commented.

The two giant Communist neighbors have been locked in bitter hostility for more than 20 years. But signs of a possible thaw appeared last month when the then Chinese foreign minister, Huang Hua, received an unexpectedly warm welcome during his visit to Moscow for President Leonid Brezhnev's funeral. Huang returned saying he was quite optimistic about an improvement in relations, but resigned immediately afterward, apparently because of poor health.

Western diplomats said Chinese officials had told them Peking regarded the strong Soviet military presence in the buffer state of Mongolia as the greatest obstacle to better Sino-Soviet relations.

But China recognized there was little possibility of a significant reduction in the number of Soviet troops in Mongolia, and believed there was a greater likelihood that Moscow could place pressure on Hanoi to withdraw its army from Kampuchea, they added.

Progress claimed at pullout parleys Differences persist on key issues

KHALDE, Lebanon, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Lebanese, Israeli and American negotiators met for six hours Tuesday to discuss the withdrawal of foreign forces from the Mediterranean nation and a joint communiqué claimed "progress was made" toward an agenda.

The talks, including a televised 45-minute public session, were held under heavy security at a resort hotel in the war-ravaged Beirut suburb of Khalde.

"The delegations met Tuesday and exchanged views on their respective positions," the joint communiqué read in English by U.S. Embassy spokesman John Reid said. "The agenda was discussed and progress was made. The agenda will be discussed further at the next meeting at Kiryat Shmona Thursday at 10:30 in the morning."

The public opening statements indicated flexibility and friendliness on the part of the negotiators. But behind the scenes Israel's agenda proposals pointed to a wide divergence of views on key issues of withdrawal, security and normalization.

Security topics included the establishment of early warning stations in Lebanon, air and naval surveillance of Lebanon and a limitation of forces agreement in the south, informed sources said.

On the political side, the Israeli team listed normalization of relations on the agenda that would include a declaration ending the state of war Israel claims exists between the two nations as well as open the borders to commerce and end hostile propaganda, according to the sources who requested anonymity.

On the military level, the six-man Israeli delegation with a backup team of 10 experts sought to have the Palestine Liberation Organization withdraw its forces and free eight Israeli war prisoners before a simultaneous Israeli and Syrian pullback takes place, the sources said.

In official statements before the talks were held, the Lebanese government had refused any discussion of normalizing relations or the establishment of permanent Israeli watchposts on Lebanese soil.

The closed session got underway right after the end of the 45-minute public session that was broadcast live by Lebanese television and Israeli state radio. About two hours later, the negotiators took a break for lunch that was supplied by Beirut's Cafe de Paris restaurant.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin followed the opening of the talks from his office, hoping the outcome will be positive, his spokesman said.

Begin's spokesman said Israel hoped for an end to the strife of more than three decades. "We just hope the outcome will be positive."

About one and one-half hours after the talks opened, commandos attacked an Israeli Army vehicle in the Israeli-occupied Lebanese port city of Sidon, 40 kilometers south of the capital.

Lebanon's state radio said unknown commandos opened up with machine gun fire on an Israeli military convoy at Sidon's main square.

Shoot-out outside Jumblatt's house

BEIRUT, Dec. 28 (AP) — Gunmen in a green sports car opened fire on security guards outside the house of nationalist Druze leader Walid Jumblatt Tuesday, prompting a shoot-out in which at least one assailant was wounded, police said.

Jumblatt, who survived a car-bomb assassination attempt Dec. 1, was home at the time of the mid-afternoon shoot-out but left a short time later, a man answering the telephone at the Jumblatt house said.

The attack followed 10 weeks of fighting in Lebanon's central mountains between Druze and Christian militiamen.

Mt. Everest conqueror feared dead

KATMANDU, Dec. 28 (AFP) — The chances of survival of Yasuo Kato, who Monday became the first man to scale Mount Everest in winter and alone, and his companion, Toshiaki Kobayashi, appeared to be fading Tuesday after they failed to radio base.

A Sherpa had gone in search of the Japanese pair, but did not find any sign of the climbers, at the South Col, the tourism ministry announced.

Kato, 33, who had already scaled the 8,848 meter summit twice, radioed that he had reached the summit alone at 3:55 p.m. (1015 GMT) Monday. Kobayashi, 33, failed to reach the peak because of growing darkness and exhaustion.

The surviving members of the Japanese winter Everest expedition radioed the Nepalese Tourism Ministry at 4:40 p.m. (1100 GMT) Tuesday that they had not heard from either Kato or Kobayashi.

The two were known to have met Monday as Kato descended. The Sherpa is scheduled to spend the night at fourth and final camp pitched at 7,900 meters below the South Col, the ministry added. More group members

would be climbing to South Col in a bid to rescue the two Japanese climbers.

The official message from the basecamp said the weather was foggy all over the summit all Tuesday. Kato had radioed basecamp at 7:00 p.m. Monday and said he would call again at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, but no contact was made.

The climbers were presumed to have camped together at 8,763 meters without oxygen, as they were only carrying enough for 14 hours.

But mountaineering experts said it would be a "miracle" if they survived together within 85 meters of the treacherous peak, facing temperatures of minus 32 degrees Centigrade.



PULLOUT PARLEYS: U.S. envoy Morris Draper (right foreground) heads the U.S. delegation at the Israeli-Lebanese peace talks that opened Tuesday in Khalde, just south of the Lebanese capital. The Israeli delegation is on left and Lebanese on the right.

Texts of the negotiators' statements

*In spirit
of hope
-- Lebanon*

KHALDE, Dec. 28 (AP) — The following is the text of opening remarks by Lebanon's chief negotiator, Antoine Fattal, at the withdrawal talks Tuesday. The statement by Fattal, a former ambassador to Italy, was made in French. This is the English translation which was read by another member of the Lebanese delegation, Ibrahim Karma, and broadcast by Lebanon's state television.

"Gentlemen, the Lebanese delegation would like to approach this meeting in a spirit of hope and initiate negotiations constructively. We would like at the outset to welcome the Israeli delegation and the delegation of the United States of America, to express our appreciation to the representatives of the United States government who continue to extend their efforts since last June have contributed to make this meeting possible and have agreed to participate fully in its proceedings.

"Your excellencies, gentlemen! allow me in these opening remarks to say a few words about where we stand. Since Lebanon achieved its independence, it pursued a foreign policy dedicated to the scrupulous respect of international commitments. Peace-loving by nature and tradition, our country has been known for its rejection of war as a means of settling disputes.

"Lebanon constantly refused to take any attitude susceptible of drawing into armed (Continued on back page)

*Auspicious
occasion
-- Israel*

KHALDE, Dec. 28 (AP) — The following is the text of opening remarks by Israel's chief negotiator, David Kimche, at the withdrawal talks Tuesday. The statement by Kimche, director general of Israel's foreign ministry, was made in English and was broadcast by Lebanon's state television.

"Your honor the chairman of the Lebanese delegation, your honor the chairman of the American delegation, distinguished members of the Lebanese, American and Israeli delegations:

"I would like to thank the chairman of the Lebanese delegation for the welcome he has afforded us here in Lebanon, and I share his wishes for constructive talks during these negotiations. On this day when official negotiations between our two countries begin, our hearts are set for the future, a future in which our yearning for peace is achieved.

"I am certain that all of us, Lebanese and Israelis and certainly the United States delegation, which sees our two peoples living in peace with each other just as we in Israel wish to see a Lebanon that is fully independent, sovereign and enjoying territory integrity.

"However, I must take the honorable chairman of the Lebanese delegation, Ambassador Antoine Fattal, to issue on the question regarding the armistice agreement (Continued on back page)

*Historic
opportunity
-- U.S.*

KHALDE, Dec. 28 (AP) — The following is the text of opening remarks by chief U.S. delegate Morris Draper at the withdrawal talks Tuesday. The statement, made in English, was broadcast by Lebanon's state television.

"Mr. Chairman of the delegation of Lebanon. Mr. Chairman of the delegation of Israel. To the distinguished members of the two delegations, our friends in both delegations and our colleagues:

"This is indeed a moving occasion. I am pleased to be here today to represent the United States in the opening of these important negotiations. As a close friend of both Israel and Lebanon, the United States will do all it can to assist efforts to achieve agreement. The United States has made clear on frequent occasions its sympathy and support for many of the key objectives of the parties at this table.

"The United States believes strongly that the legitimate security interests of Israel should be addressed and satisfied to the maximum extent possible.

"At the same time the United States supports Lebanon's independence, national unity and integrity and the restoration of full sovereignty throughout its territories.

"There is a good basis for confidence that the negotiations will be productive. For its part, Israel affirmed it does not covet a single (Continued on back page)

Iraq favors resuming ties with Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (AP) — A senior member of the Iraqi cabinet was quoted as saying in an interview published Tuesday Iraq should resume diplomatic relations with Egypt now.

But he did not explain what was keeping Iraq from doing so despite vastly improved relations between Cairo and Baghdad. "We are not against the restoration of diplomatic relations with Egypt," Deputy Premier Tariq Aziz told the Cairo newspaper *Al-Ahram*. "As an Arab citizen I say that we should take this step now."

Iraq and 16 Arab states severed diplomatic ties with Egypt in protest against its 1979 peace treaty with Israel. This was done in accordance with a collective decision taken by the Arab League. At an Arab summit conference in Fez, Morocco, last September, a Sudanese move to get the league to reverse that decision failed.

Aziz praised Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for his conciliatory attitude toward Arab critics and for his support of Iraq in the war with Iran.

Egypt has supplied Iraq with arms valued at hundreds of millions of dollars, a policy which started under Mubarak's predecessor, Anwar Sadat, and was stepped up by Mubarak.

"We do not want more from Egypt," Aziz

Robbers get away with \$8 million

MARBELLA, Spain, Dec. 28 (R) — Thieves stole over one billion pesetas (\$8 million) in cash, bullion and jewels in a raid on a bank in this Spanish seaside resort, police said Tuesday.

Four or five men ransacked 200 private safe deposit boxes in the Banco de Andalucia after neutralizing the alarm system and burrowing into the bank from an empty flat above, they said.

Estimates of the haul in jewelry, bullion and cash could only be rough, they said. A rich foreign population, which included many Arabs, was likely to have deposited huge quantities of valuables with the bank, they added.

They said the gang had cut through the door to the main vault Friday evening with acetylene torches which they left on the premises.

The detailed knowledge of the bank's layout and the smooth execution of the robbery suggested the gang was a highly-skilled international group, they said.

Bonn to bill 293 protestors for police costs

HAMBURG, Dec. 28 (AP) — Some 293 protestors are to be billed for police costs at a Dec. 12 demonstration against plans to station new U.S. -made nuclear missiles next year in Europe, authorities told a West German magazine.

The protestors are being billed under a new law in the West German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, under which demonstrators can be forced to pay police costs, the magazine *Der Spiegel* said in its edition appearing Monday.

Baden-Wuerttemberg's Interior Minister

Roman Herzog said the state expects to collect a total of from 20,000 to 25,000 marks (about \$8,400 to \$10,400) from 293 people who were in a protest at the U.S. forces European command headquarters at Vaihingen, near Stuttgart.

Herzog told *Der Spiegel* that he expects court challenges to the new law, but he believes it will stand. "Many taxpayers find it unfair that they must pay when they want a building permit or passport, while police efforts against lawbreakers carry no charge," he told the magazine.

Bilateral relations

India, Kingdom discuss summit meeting issues

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — Indian and Saudi Arabian officials exchanged views at a meeting in Jeddah Monday on various political and economic resolutions that will come up for discussion at the forthcoming nonaligned summit to be held in New Delhi in March, according to Indian Secretary for Foreign Affairs Romesh Bhandari.

During three-day visit to the Kingdom Bhandari is exchanging views with his counterparts on various issues. Review of bilateral relations between the two countries also took place. On Monday Bhandari held a meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Abdul Rahman Mansouri. In this visit he also took the opportunity to hand over an invitation from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to King Fahd to attend the summit meeting.

Bhandari told *Arab News*, Saudi Arabia attaches great importance to the non-aligned summit. Both countries hold identical views on three major goals of peace, disarmament and development that the non-aligned movement plans to achieve. Discussing the

Algozaibi forms health control, inspection panel

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — Acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Algozaibi has set up a control, investigation and inspection department at the Ministry of Health. The official has banned the use of the title of doctor in official correspondence if the person in question is not really a medical doctor or holder of a doctorate degree. *Al-Jazirah* reported.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Ismail Daghestani is the supervisor general of the new administration. Dr. Algozaibi also warned pharmacies not to sell medicine to patients without proper authorization from doctors. The pharmacy concerned will bear the legal responsibility and will be subject to punishment including withdrawing the licence if it ignores the regulations.



Romesh Bhandari

global economic crisis, emphasis was placed on doing something to reverse the downward trend and take measures for a speedy recovery. North-south dialogue and increased cooperation for the south-south group also came up for discussion.

The 47-member non-aligned movement conference starts with officials meeting on March 1-2. Foreign Ministers meeting March 3-4 and a summit for the leaders of the member countries on March 7-11. On the Afghanistan issue, both countries adhered to the basic principles of the inadmissibility of foreign interference.

Prince Naif okays training 20 coast guardmen in U.K.

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — Interior Minister Prince Naif has agreed that 20 military personnel from coast guards of the Frontier Corps be sent annually to train in Britain. *Al-Madina* reported.

Frontier Corps Commander Gen. Muhammad ibn Hallal said that the men will be sent to the British Naval Academy after the latter's approval was secured. Another 25 men were sent on a four-year training course in the Republic of China following an agreement signed by the two countries' interior ministries.

Identity Cards
Prince Naif told *Al-Riyadh* Tuesday that a final study for the new identity cards system has been completed. The cards will enable the citizens to do without birth certificates. And it is going to include the citizen's full name, his photograph, the number of the birth certificate, blood group and it will be prepared technically so as to serve the security purposes without returning back to birth certificates.

Traffic patrols
Speaking of the traffic patrol plan, the minister said it is a vital project since the Kingdom has so many long roads. The plan demands mobilization, at the top of which is the human factor, the Prince added. A special department for the traffic patrols has been initiated within the public security department to be in charge of studying the details in order to enable it meet its goals with minimum expenditure.

Housing plan
Dealing with the Interior Ministry per-



Prince Naif

sonnel housing plan Prince Naif said the project is progressing according to plan. Work has begun on four housing complexes and soon decision on the second part of Phase I will be taken, he added. He hoped that within few years the project will be completed housing all personnel of the ministry, especially the military.

Computerization
The interior ministry's computerization program also is going on according to schedule from all aspects including administrative formations, training of qualified personnel, technicalities or required equipment.

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King cables Nepal
RIYADH, (SPA) — King Fahd sent a cable of congratulations to the King of Nepal Nedra Bekram Shah on the his country's national day. King Fahd wished Nepalese monarch good health and happiness and progress and prosperity to the people of Nepal.

Delegates in Pakistan
ISLAMABAD (SPA) — Armed forces chief of staff Gen. Muhammad Saleh Hammad is now here at the head of an eight-member delegation on a six-day official visit to Pakistan. He was greeted at the airport by the chief of the joint staff committee, Gen. Muhammad Iqbal Khan. Dur-

ing his stay here, he will meet Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq, Defense Minister Mir Ali Ahmad Khan Talpur and top commanders of the Pakistani Army, Navy and Air Force. Gen. Hammad will also visit Lahore and then proceed to Dhaka on a visit to Bangladesh.

Chatti in talks
ISLAMABAD (SPA) — Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Secretary General Habib Chatti recently had talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yakub Khan on the Middle East, the Iranian war and the Afghan problem. Their talks also covered the outcome of Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq's recent visits to the

Soviet Union, the United States, and Pakistani officials said. Chatti is currently on a week-long visit to Pakistan.

Geologists survey damage
SANAA (SPA) — A team of geologists from Saudi Arabia arrived here to examine the damage caused by the earthquake which struck the Dhamar Region of North Yemen two weeks ago. Sanaa radio reported.

Earthquake donations
MAKKAH (SPA) — The Islamic World League called on all Muslims all over the world to extend their help for their fellow Muslims in Yemen who were afflicted by the earthquake disaster.

King chairs session
Cabinet dwells on peace

RIYADH, Dec. 28 (SPA) — The council of ministers met here Monday evening under the chairmanship of King Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz. After the meeting was over, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdul Yamani stated that the King had briefed the council on the results of his trip abroad and his meetings with Arab leaders. The meeting also reviewed the activities of the seven-man Arab committee, which visited France, the United States, the Soviet Union and China.

The King elaborated on the Foz peace plan adopted by the Arab summit, saying that it proves the Arab commitment to a just and durable peace and that they are ready to move actively to achieve that goal.

The King said that he emphasized the Kingdom's determination to put any needed effort for the sake of the Arab and Islamic nations to the leaders he met. Moreover, the King went on, there is a need to continue

joint Arab efforts in order to strengthen international recognition of Arab rights.

Dr. Yamani explained that the council listened to transport minister Hussein Mansouri who briefed the meeting on the progress achieved in road projects, especially the Riyadh ring road, the Airport Street bridge and sections in the eastern part of the town connected with Riyadh-Dammam express way, which will improve the flow of traffic.

The council also heard a briefing from labor minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari on foreign labor and workers' social insurance, and decided to continue its discussion in the subject in the next session. The ministers studied the subject of the educational syllabuses in various grades, and the King showed increased interest in the subject asking for linking the system in a scientific way with the heritage of the country.

Committee urges GCC investment body to set up iron, steel institute

DOHA, Dec. 28 (SPA) — A technical and consultative committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) concluded two days of meetings here by calling on the Gulf Industrial Investment Organization to establish an iron and steel institute.

A statement issued at the end of the meeting said the formation of the institute would help increase the interest of the region's people in industry both at home and abroad and raise the professional standards of the institute's members.

The committee also called for a conference on iron and steel in 1984 as well as seminars on the iron and steel industry.

The statement said the committee would hold its next meeting in Bahrain at the end of May.

The committee's first meeting, in June 1981, had made many recommendations to promote cooperation between member states in iron and steel.

The council is made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

FIFA membership sought for Palestine

DOHA, Dec. 28 (SPA) — The Arab Football Federation will continue to coordinate the campaign to get the Palestinian football federation into the international federation FIFA. Arab Federation President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd said.

At a press conference here, the prince thanked the Arab federation for its efforts so far. It was also announced that Saudi Arabia would pay the travel expenses of the Palestinian football team in next year's Palestine Cup series.

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SR2.8b Rabigh plant uses economical steam; 1985 start-up forecast

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — The ever-expanding electrical power requirements of the Western Region will be met in the most economic and reliable manner with a 1000 mw (net) steam power plant being constructed at Rabigh here. The power plant site is built on the Red Sea at a distance of approximately 140 Km north of Jeddah.



Mahmoud Abdallah Tayba

Mahmoud Abdallah Tayba governor of General Electricity Corporation and chairman of the board and managing director of the Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company in the Western Region (EWR) signed Monday the agreement for the first stage of a steam power plant project at Rabigh with a Group of International specialized companies

in the EWR headquarters in Jeddah.

The 1000 mw electrical generating complex will initially consist of 4x250 mw (net) oil-fired units and will have provision for expansion to an ultimate plant capacity of 2500 mw (net).

The complex will include a once-through sea water cooling system, fuel oil and storage facility, and auxiliary desalination plant. The boilers are capable of using either crude or residual fuel, with future provision for gas utilization, and hence the power plant is located near the Rabigh Oil Refinery.

The construction of the power plant has been entrusted on a turn-key basis to a consortium of international manufacturers-builders/suppliers. Construction work started in February 1982, and the schedule for completion is December 1985, with the first of the four units being on line in March 1985, i.e. within 37 months after contract award.

To achieve the tight project schedule, and yet ensure good quality of work, a module type construction has been adopted for the boiler units.

Other interesting aspects of the project are that an electrostatic precipitator with ammonia injection will be used to minimize particulate emissions from the 135 meter high stack, and ensure maximum thermal efficiency. Titanium tubes are being used in the condenser to ensure high plant availability.

The power plant will feed into a double circuit overhead transmission line connecting Rabigh with Yanbu and Jeddah, which is also under construction by two separate contractors.



POWER PLANT CONTRACT: The contract for the first phase of the Rabigh steam-operated power plant was signed by, left to right H. Tamal, Mitsubishi; Mahmoud Abdallah Tayba, General Electricity Corporation chairman; and Talal Bakr, General Electricity Corporation managing director.

Saudi ships outside Red Sea pay international fuel prices

MADINAH, Dec. 28 — Jeddah Oil Refinery will no longer supply combustibles to Saudi Arabian vessels plying outside the Red Sea ports at local prices, but at international fuel prices, *Al-Madina* reported Tuesday.

The decision was contained in a memo signed by Muhammad Hamzah Ajaji, member and executive assistant to the refinery's board chairman, and circulated to Saudi Arabian shipping companies.

According to the circular, local prices will be granted only to Saudi Arabian ships operating between Red Sea ports, including the Gulf of Suez and the Aqaba Strait. Ajaji conferred with owners of Saudi Arabian ships and tankers operating outside Red Sea ports and briefed them on the reasons that prompted the decision, which went into effect as of last Tuesday.

He said that among the reasons for such a

decision was the shortage in daily production of combustibles as the refinery has to supply water desalination plants, cement factories and other industrial developments in the Western Province.

The shipowners submitted a petition, arguing that if they bought at international prices, they would no longer be able to compete with foreign shipping companies, the cargo price would go up and their companies' growth would be severely affected. Ajaji promised to transmit the petition to Petroleum Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher.

The local price, applied since (1964) is \$19 per ton of light oil. The international price now is \$180 per ton. Likewise, the local price of diesel oil is \$39 per ton, whereas the international tariff is \$356 per ton. More than 46 Saudi Arabian shipping companies will be affected by the decision.

Miteb signs aerial survey map contract

By Yehia Gouda

RIYADH, Dec. 28 — Prince Miteb bin Abdul Aziz, the minister of public works and housing, Tuesday signed a SR50,000 contract with the Arabian Geophysical and Surveying Company (ARGAS), a joint venture between Petromin and Compagnie Generale Geophysique (CGG) for an aerial survey of Riyadh, Raymond Espino, France's Commercial Attache in Riyadh told *Arab News*.

The topographical survey will be carried out by Institut Geophysique National (IGN), the French state-owned national geophysical institute represented in Saudi Arabia by ARGAS by virtue of a contract dating back to seven years, according to Christian Chenez, IGN's representative in Riyadh.

Chenez said that the maps covering a 3,110 square kilometer area will be extremely precise with a scale going from 1:500 for the 50 square kilometer city center to 1:50,000.

Mosques council plans 8th session

MAKKAH, Dec. 28 (SPA) — Prince Majid bin Abdul Aziz governor of Makkah will open the eighth session of the International Council of Mosques due to start here in late January.

The week-long meeting will discuss the secretary-general's report, review Muslims conditions in the Philippines, Cambodia, the Comoro Island, United States and Vietnam. Members will discuss training programs held in Sudan, Tanzania and Brussels. Some 45 delegations are expected to participate in this meeting.



Prince Miteb

Saudia employees complete 5-day training program

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 28 — A five-day training program for the supervisory staff of Saudia concluded last week at the Riyadh Intercontinental. The program, in which 14 candidates from Riyadh took part, discussed POSDCORB, an acronym for planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordination, report writing and budgeting, Muhammad Atiyat, training specialist from Saudia, told *Arab News*.

He said that apart from learning these supervisory concepts, the candidates were also primed in the objectives of Saudia and given tips on honing their supervisory skills. The trainees learned on how to handle an emergency situation, about the delegation of responsibilities and the duties of the manager. The program was supported by case studies, films and a slide show.

KAU now conducting opinion poll, studying dowry effects, implications

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — A study has been undertaken by King Abdul Aziz University's sociology division of the faculty of arts on excessive dowries that hinder marriage in Saudi Arabia, *Al-Jedah* reported.

The study is based on a poll in which the opinion of some ten percent of the Kingdom's population will be requested in various cities and villages. The conclusions of the study will be submitted to the Ministry of Justice which

vests a special interest in the matter.

However, the newspaper commented, the main obstacle is not the dowry price but the high cost of living, the lack of confidence between Saudi Arabian boys and girls and apprehensions from the future as the would-be partners do not know each other well. There is also the traditional way in which the engagement, then the marriage take place.

Institute sets examination dates

DAMMAM, Dec. 28 (SPA) — The Public Administration Institute's Eastern Province branch has announced that examinations for the first semester of preparatory and financial programs begin Jan. 8 and last until Jan. 12.

Ahmad Mansour, branch director, said that the second training class for this year will begin Jan. 1. Courses covered government correspondence, personnel affairs, accountancy

administration, finance, warehousing and archives.

During the next two weeks, Mansour said, two programs of intermediate and basic administration will be completed. The programs aim at improving the efficiency of government personnel. A total of 131 employees from various government departments in the Eastern Province took part in the programs.

Riyadh technical college, institute planned

RIYADH, Dec. 28 — An intermediate technical college and a higher electronics institute are planned by the General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training

ing, *Okaz* reported. The institute will be established in Riyadh. The organization is also preparing two vocational training centers in Madinah and Biljirashi.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:27	3:23	2:54	2:38	2:02	3:28
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Arafat, Kreisky view Fez plan

Make U.S. back Palestinian cause, PLO leader says

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain, Dec. 28 (AP) — Talks here between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky concentrated on the latest Arab peace plan for the Middle East, Arafat told journalists.

The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization spent more than three hours at the vacation home of Kreisky, whom he called "my personal friend and an excellent friend of our people." He described the talks with Kreisky, who is Jewish, as "positive and fruitful."

Arafat also called on Western Europe "to exert real and effective pressure on the United States to make Washington pay attention to the just (Palestinian) cause."

He criticized certain Western leaders, such as West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who he said "do not understand and do not support the Palestinian cause."

He also attacked the United States for "being able to recognize the rights of 1.500 Falkland Islanders but not those of five million Palestinians."

Arafat said he had discussed the Palestinian problem the previous day with Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang in Algiers, and that he would soon be meeting again with King Hus-

sein of Jordan.

The latest Arab Mideast plan, drawn up at a September summit in the Moroccan city of Fez, calls for an independent Palestinian state including the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip — Arab territories occupied by Israel since the "six-day war" in 1967. It also seeks United Nations guarantees "for states of the region."

Ronald Reagan's parallel plan for peace rules out a sovereign Palestinian state but backs full autonomy for West Bank and Gaza Palestinians in association with Jordan.

Arafat said that on a later visit to Spain he hoped to meet King Juan Carlos and Socialist Premier Felipe Gonzalez.

A Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman said that there would be no official contact between the Spanish government and the Palestinian leader during the present brief visit.

The government did, however, take security measures to protect Arafat during his stay at a luxury hotel on this Mediterranean island, where he also lunched Monday with the civil governor, the mayor of Palma, and several Socialist parliamentarians.

The PLO has an office in Madrid. The Spanish government does not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel.



Kreisky



Arafat

M.E. peace moves to dominate new year

Conflicts, discords plague Gulf region

BEIRUT, Dec. 28 (AP) — The new year is likely to be dominated by peace initiatives to restore stability in the Middle East, where conflict simmered in Lebanon and on the Arabian Gulf.

But further peace attempts do not guarantee a non-violent 1983, especially in the Gulf, where the two-year-old war between Iran and Iraq persisted with no hint of abating.

In Lebanon, the American administration embarked on a campaign to negotiate the withdrawal of Syrian, Israeli and Palestinian forces.

Meanwhile, Lebanon's attempt to build a strong central government took longer than originally expected. It was also likely to require a risky commitment of more peacekeeping troops in the area.

But Syria's army was expected to cling to East Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Israel also insisted on a 45-kilometer deep slice of South Lebanon to ensure its security.

Moscow, in the words of Soviet orientalist Yevgeni Primakov, viewed the U.S. participation in the multinational peacekeeping force with "restraint growing into suspicion" and Soviet officials did not rule out the stationing of combat troops in Syria as a countermove.

Nevertheless, in the rubble of war there was a glimmer of hope for a breakthrough.

With Arab and U.S. peace plans, the 35-year-old conflict between the Arab world and Israel had a chance of ending.

Some Arab states signalled their readiness to recognize Israel, and U.S. President Ronald Reagan proposed Palestinian "self-government" in association with Jordan. Both proposals were rejected as inadequate by Israel.

An early general election looked certain in Israel and the timing may depend on the findings of the commission probing the Beirut

News analysis

massacre. Prime Minister Menachem Begin's main adversary is Labor leader Shimon Peres. Begin aides believe any blemish left by the three-man inquiry probing the massacre will be overlooked by voters.

It was unclear if Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was willing or able to overcome opposition from Syrian-backed radicals and embrace the idea of a confederation with Jordan. The test may come at a meeting sometime in 1983 of the 300-member Palestine National Council.

Israel's continued presence in Lebanon was expected to cause an increasing strain in relations with Egypt. President Hosni Mubarak could use Israel's occupation as an

excuse to restore ties broken when the late President Anwar Sadat launched his peace initiative.

Arab states are mainly concerned about an ultimate Iranian victory in the Gulf war and seek to have Egypt restored to Arab ranks in order to counter-balance Ayatollah Khomeini's forces.

Iran's army seized the initiative in the war in 1982 and menaced the road to the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. But the war appeared to be a stalemate and the clergy of Iran were tied up in yet another power struggle to determine the successor to 82-year-old Khomeini.

A new negotiated initiative to end the war was expected after the New Delhi summit in the spring and Algeria was reported ready for a fresh effort. But only a change of leaders in Iran or Iraq was likely to stop the fighting. Detente was expected to continue at the southern end of the Arabian peninsula between South Yemen and neighboring Oman. The two countries signed a non-interference pact last year as part of an effort by the Gulf Cooperation Council to keep Soviet and U.S. troops out of the Gulf.

In North Africa, King Hassan II of Morocco can be expected to consolidate his newly-won prestige as active chairman of the Arab summit.

Soviets protest over Tehran rally

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union has protested strongly to Iran about a demonstration held Monday near Moscow's embassy in Tehran, the official Tass news agency said.

It said a large group of riotous elements assembled in front of the embassy for an anti-Soviet action "with the obvious connivance of the Iranian authorities."

Tehran radio reported that Afghan protesters marched near the Soviet Embassy to mark the third anniversary of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Tass said the protesters shouted anti-Soviet slogans, tried to make their way into the grounds of the embassy and ripped the Soviet flag from its mast.

The agency said Moscow had warned the Iranian authorities that "hostile action" was planned and had now lodged a strong protest.

Swiss tighten vigil on Soviet POWs

BERNE, Dec. 28 (R) — Security for five Soviet soldiers interned in Switzerland after being freed by Afghan freedom fighters has been reinforced to bring it in line with guidelines set down by the Geneva conventions on prisoners of war, the military department said.

The section the five occupy in a military labor camp in Zugerberg, south of Zurich.

Bandits seen active in Baluchistan

KARACHI, Dec. 28 (AP) — Armed bandits hiding in the mountains of southwestern Baluchistan province have become active again after a lull of several months, the Pakistan Press International news agency reported.

The bandits ransacked a bus, three trucks and a car and made off with about 24,500 rupees (\$2,040) in cash, watches and gold rings on a Saturday night, the agency reported. It quoted a witness as saying the bandits also abducted nine of the truck drivers and fled into the mountains.

with the Iranian foreign ministry over the incidents.

Meanwhile one-way traffic comes into force in the Afghan tunnel where 1,000 people, half of them Soviet troops, were reported to have died in a road disaster. Kahladin was quoted as saying.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in London, broadcast a government announcement that "to maintain traffic order and prevent accidents" there would be only southbound traffic through the salang tunnel on three days a week and northbound on the others.

The 2.6 kilometers tunnel, north of Kabul, lies on the main supply route for an estimated 100,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The official Soviet news agency Tass has confirmed there was a disaster in the tunnel.

has been surrounded by barbed wire and is protected day and night by armed guards, a department spokesman told Reuters.

The soldiers arrived here this year under International Red Cross sponsorship after negotiations between Afghan freedom fighters, the Soviet Union and the Red Cross.

Two other Soviet soldiers are in jail after fleeing from their low-security labor camp, stealing motorbikes and damaging parked cars.

Meanwhile, in Paris, France marked the third anniversary of the entry of Soviet troops into Afghanistan with a renewed condemnation of "foreign intervention" there.

In a statement stressing that France had denounced foreign intervention in Afghanistan "time and time again", the spokesman for the foreign ministry urged for "a political settlement based on the withdrawal of foreign troops, self-determination, and a return to independence, nonalignment and good neighborhood policies" for the country.

Observers pointed out, however, that the government had failed to denounce the Soviet Union openly and had referred only to "foreign intervention" in its statement.

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France rejects Soviet proposal on missiles

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AFP) — French sources here Monday called "totally unacceptable" the Soviet proposal to reduce the number of Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe to match the number of French and British missiles.

The comments followed the meeting here Monday of French Ambassador to the Soviet Union Claude Arnaud with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Arnaud explained the French position on the "Euromissiles" in the light of the reduction proposed by Soviet Communist Party Secretary General Yuri Andropov during the 60th anniversary of the creation of the Soviet Union.

Arnaud said that the French missiles the Kremlin wants to include in a definitive equilibrium of nuclear forces in Europe were, in fact, exclusively French and not in any way

dependent on North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) strategy, French sources said. French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson last week rejected the Andropov proposal. France, not a member of the NATO's military command, has always been opposed to including its nuclear forces in any overall European count.

The French sources said that if France renounced its "Euromissiles", it would have no more missiles while the Soviet Union would still have strategic weapons capable of reaching French territory.

The sources said the Russians were setting up an "unfair relationship" by acting as if the arsenal behind its SS-20 missile force did not count in any eventual equilibrium. But the sources said the Franco-Soviet difference over Euromissiles should not block the relationship between the two countries.

Times strike enters second week

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP) — A wildcat strike by 92 electricians at *The Times* of London enters its second week Tuesday with no sign of a settlement in sight, a company spokesman said.

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Managua clashes claim 3 lives

MANAGUA, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Three persons were killed in clashes Sunday between forces of Nicaragua's Sandinista government and followers of the late dictator Anastasio Somoza in the northern province Nueva Segovia, authorities said here Monday.

The mountainous north-central region is one of the areas worst hit by ambushes organized by Somoza followers camped in Honduras along the Nicaraguan border.

Argentina frees 131 political activists

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28 (R) — Argentina's military government Monday announced the release of 131 political prisoners and the granting of conditional liberty for a further 30.

The list of those to be released, prisoners held without trial or formal charges at the disposition of the executive power, included former Santa Cruz Governor Jorge Copernic and union leader Julio Guillan, who had been living in conditional liberty. The interior ministry did not say how many of the 131

persons to be freed were already in conditional liberty, which allows the prisoners to live at home and take jobs while maintaining restrictions on their movements and activities.

The government has said it plans to gradually free all political prisoners held without trial before elections next year. Before Monday's announcement, human rights groups estimated there were about 200 persons still in jail at the disposition of the executive power.

Completes one year Falklands, Lebanon troubled Cuellar

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 28 (R) — A year after Javier Perez de Cuellar took office as the fifth secretary-general of the United Nations, there is still no clear verdict on his performance.

Most delegates to the world organization seem to agree that he needs more time to make his mark. Some say he has already shown himself to be the weakest secretary-general ever. Others say he has adopted about the right stance, recognizing that the major powers each have their own view of the U.N. and that none wants an assertive secretary-general acting as if he were some kind of super-chief.

That was a charge made against Kurt Waldheim, whose bid last year for an unprecedented third term collapsed under repeated Chinese vetoes, clearing the way for Cuellar. Waldheim left the U.N. in considerable disarray, especially on the staff side. His successor promised to pick up the pieces and turn the organization around. But the staff union has already accused him of reneging on his promises and there have been strike threats.

Politically, it has been a bad year for Cuellar and for the U.N., which has been bypassed on the major issues involving peace or war, notably in Lebanon. His first challenge was the Falkland Islands crisis when Argentine troops landed on the disputed British colony in the South Atlantic. Slow to get involved, because neither Britain nor Argentina wanted him, he



Perez de Cuellar

finally offered his services. After about two weeks of delicate negotiations, during which he dealt separately with the two sides, Cuellar had to admit defeat. The British reclaimed the islands.

Since then, he has tried in vain to get the British to reopen negotiations with Argentina, as the General Assembly recently requested. In a bid to mend fences in the hemisphere, the United States supported the U.N. move. President Reagan backed Britain at the height of the crisis.

Waldheim, now a visiting professor at Washington's Georgetown University, was

the U.S. choice for yet another term as secretary-general, over Salim Ahmad Salim of Tanzania, who was considered a radical and politically unpredictable.

Unacceptable to China, which all along insisted that the next secretary-general must be from the Third World, Waldheim finally gave up, clearing the field for a number of candidates from developing nations. Cuellar, a former chief delegate of Peru and the only secretary-general ever to have had a previous secretariat job, as an under-secretary for political affairs, was the winner. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the chief U.S. delegate, publicly hailed him as a new hope for the U.N.

Israel and South Africa looked forward to respite from Waldheim's repeated gibes. He was a gadfly for both, strongly criticizing border violations by either state. Cuellar seldom comments on incidents initiated by the Israelis or the South Africans. He says it is not his duty, an attitude that has not found favor with most black African states, or Arab members.

The Reagan administration's sympathies with both Israel and South Africa are well known and it has been remarked that the new secretary-general is perhaps too deferential to Washington.

He won praise, especially in the West, for an outspoken report to the General Assembly in which he pinpointed the U.N.'s shortcomings, while calling on member states to make more use of the organization.

'Preserve' message deterred Red Guards

QUFU, Eastern China, Dec. 28 (AFP) — An ideogram, scrawled hastily in red paint on centuries-old stelae and monuments, is today a chilling reminder of the wave of destructive revolutionary zeal that swept Qufu, birthplace of the great Chinese philosopher Confucius (551-479 B.C.), at the start of the cultural revolution 16 years ago.

It was only by virtue of that mark, carrying the message "preserve", that certain priceless archeological treasures were spared the wrath of young Red Guards who overran the small village in Shandong province in the autumn of 1966. The leader of the mob, a woman named Tan Houlan who was then a student in Peking, remains one of the most celebrated Red Guard generals, along with Kuai Dafu and Nie Yuanzi. All three are currently on trial in Peking after having spent four years in jail.

It was in 1965-66 that the Chinese Communist Party, on the orders of Mao Tse-tung,

issued an appeal for the destruction of "four anachronisms" — thought, culture, ancient morals and custom — in order to build "a new world." The task was assigned to hundreds of thousands of secondary and university students who were turned loose to demolish all vestiges of the past, both architectural and intellectual.

Under the slogan "to make revolution is not a crime", the army of the Red Guards, as they were known, burst forth in a campaign of destruction and torture carried out without fear of official sanction. Qufu, with its temples and palaces and a centuries-old center of Confucian studies, was a prime target for Tan Houlan and her commando squad who were ordered by Peking to purge the community of any trace of its ancient history.

Local authorities, warned that the onslaught was imminent, frantically painted the ideogram Liu (preserve) on several stelae and monuments, according to a member of the

community's office of cultural heritage. This official well remembers the day in October, 1966, when Qufu was besieged by young fanatics, marching through the streets brandishing banners and chanting slogans. "Most of them were secondary students without any culture whatsoever who were thinking only about destroying things indiscriminately," he recalled bitterly. "We tried to reason with them, to make them understand that certain monuments should be saved because they belonged to the cultural heritage of our country and had nothing to do with politics."

At one point, the crowd surged upward the Temple of Confucius and set fire to a statue of the thinker, after irreverently parading it through the town. Tan and her cohorts then fell upon 105 16th century stone stelae depicting the legend of Confucius and some of the key events in his life. Hacked apart or defaced, most of the three-meter high slabs could not be adequately restored.

Doctors say Clark makes slow progress

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28 (AP) — Doctors say it will take several weeks of steady recovery before they can predict when Barney Clark, now in his 27th day with the world's first permanent artificial heart, can leave the hospital.

"Dr. Clark...is progressing slowly but satisfactorily. We do not see matters changing rapidly," Dr. Chase Peterson, University of Utah Health Sciences vice president, said. Clark remained in a serious but stable condition Tuesday, a hospital spokesman said.

Although the 61-year-old retired dentist is "recovering steadily, (and) doing well," Peterson said doctors were looking at Clark's recovery "in terms of weeks, not days." "If you look at it day by day, you don't see a great deal of change," Peterson said. "But if you look at it over three in four days or a week, you see improvement."

When asked to guess when Clark could leave the University of Utah Medical Center, Peterson said doctors "just don't know." "We could describe the conditions that would be necessary before he could go home...Enough strength to take care of his own needs and a facility that could house him," he said. "It is difficult to predict how rapidly that strength will return."

Finding Clark appropriate housing — modified for the compressor that drives his first-sized plastic Jarvik-7 heart — could be done "within two to three weeks," Peterson said. "I would guess the limiting factor will not be the housing, but his own strength," he said. Peterson stressed Clark was improving, if only gradually. "He's breathing on his own, and his intake of food and liquids, juices, is increasing daily," he said.

Guatemala emergency extended by 30 days

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 28 (AFP) — The Guatemalan government decided Monday to extend by 30 days, starting Monday the state of emergency in effect throughout the country, official sources said.

It was the seventh state of emergency declared since President Efraim Rios Montt seized power in March. The sources said the decision was made because of "the persistence of conditions" which caused the measure to be imposed originally — a reference to military action by anti-government guerrillas.

Observers said the extension was in contrast to Gen. Rios Montt's recent statements that the war against the guerrillas was over.

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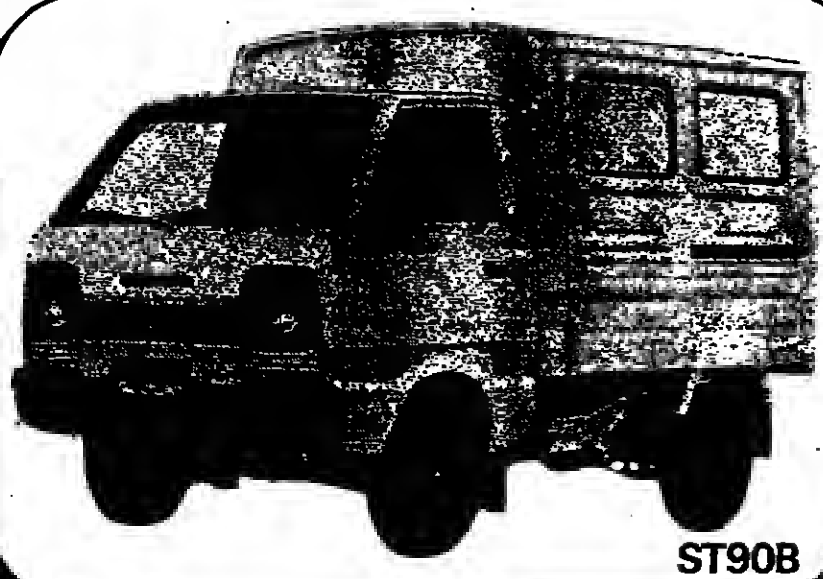
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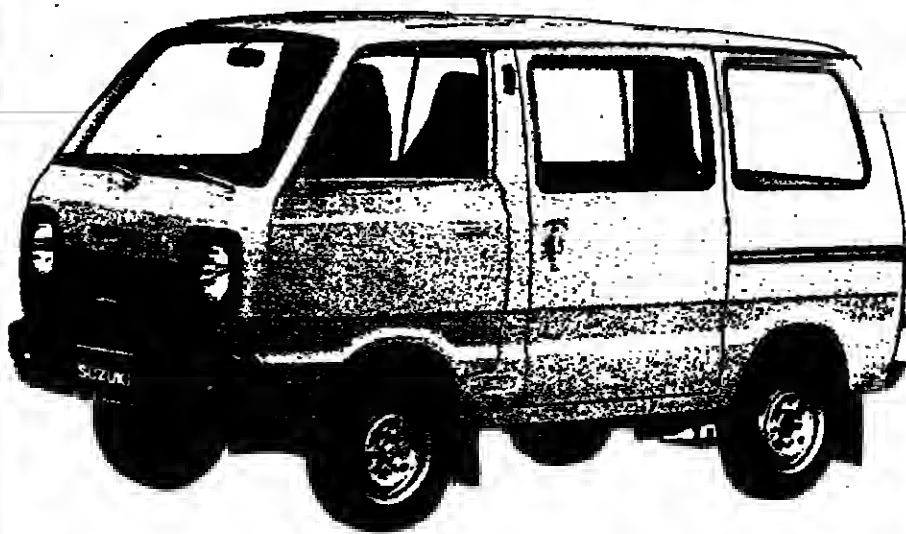
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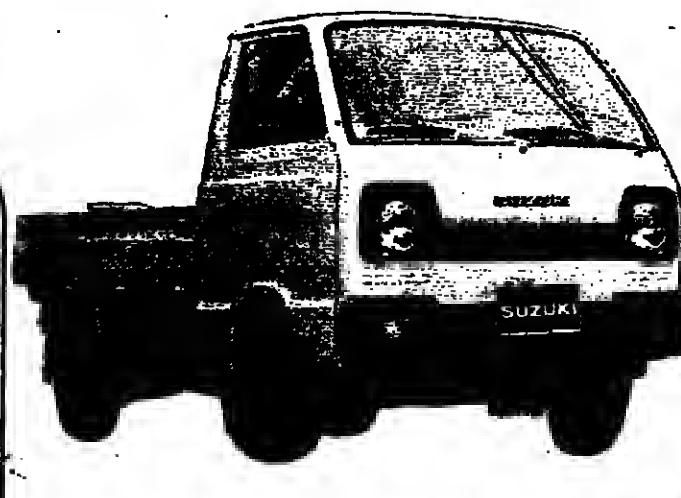


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Trains collide killing three in Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Dec. 28 (AP) — A Copenhagen express train carrying six Soviet diplomatic couriers collided Monday with a commuter train near Rotterdam, killing at least three persons and injuring 345 die in U.S. road accidents

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP) — At least 345 persons died on the United States' highways during the three-day Christmas weekend, 25 more than last year but fewer than could be expected on a non-holiday weekend.

The National Safety Council had estimated that between 300 and 400 persons could be killed in traffic accidents between 6 p.m. Thursday and midnight Sunday. Last year, 320 persons died in traffic accidents during the weekend, also a three-day observance.

The safety council said that during a three-day, non-holiday weekend at this time of the year, 360 highway deaths could be expected.

Bomb attacks continue

Rebels ignore Belaunde ultimatum

LIMA, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Guerrillas of the leftist Sendero Luminoso group Monday responded to a 24-hour ultimatum by President Fernando Belaunde Terry by launching a series of bomb attacks and killing a student in their Ayacucho Province stronghold, 300 kilometers southeast of here.

President Belaunde Sunday issued an ultimatum to the guerrillas, demanding that they surrender peacefully in 48 to 72 hours to avoid a "bloodbath" and pledging that their "rights to (legal) defense would be guaranteed." He said that some 400 government troops had been sent to the province, where

the group has been operating for the past two years.

But despite the reinforcements, the neo-Maoist group launched a series of bomb attacks and distributed propaganda both in and around the town of Ayacucho. The town of Huanta alone was rocked by six blasts overnight while in Ayacucho, the guerrillas gunned down a 21-year-old student accused of "collaborating with foreigners".

The trail of light guerrillas, whom President Belaunde Sunday charged with causing 150 deaths in the province this year, also took over the Ayacucho radio station for an hour.

Lima detainees on hunger strike

LIMA, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Some 400 detainees, held as terrorist suspects on the El Fronton Island penal colony near here, have been on a hunger strike since last weekend. Vice Minister Armando Buzandía said Monday.

Without specifying the detainees' demands, the minister said the government wanted to avoid violence. The prisoners, he said, had locked themselves into a building and had refused to eat.

Antonov's lawyers get summons

ROME, Dec. 28 (R) — Two lawyers defending Sergei Antonov, the Bulgarian held last month for alleged complicity in the shooting of Pope John Paul, Tuesday received a summons to present their client's case to a magistrate.

Giuseppe Consolo and Adolfo Larussa told journalists they received the summons from investigating magistrate Iliario Martella, who is leading the inquiry into assassination attempt by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca. Judicial sources said Martella would

The government started using it again this year to hold suspected terrorists arrested in different parts of Peru. Many of the detainees have not yet been tried.

The lawyers' case is known to be based in part on an alibi Antonov has advanced which he says proves he was not in St. Peter's Square in Rome when Agca opened fire in May, 1981. Agca is widely reported to have said the Bulgarian was there.

BRIEFS

PARIS. (AFP) — Turkish filmmaker Gil-maz Guney, who accepted the 1982 Cannes Film Festival's Golden Palm award while a fugitive from prison, is busy at work in France on another movie, *The Wall*, telling the true story of an uprising in a children's jail.

AJACCIO, Corsica. (R) — Three policemen were hurt by a small bomb explosion in Ajaccio early Monday, police said. They said six other plastic charges blew up in the town and an eighth was defused.

PARIS. (AFP) — Serge Boidevaix, a former ambassador to Poland, has been named French ambassador to India, the foreign ministry announced here Tuesday. Boidevaix is to replace Andre Ross, appointed ambassador to Japan.

PEKING. (R) — Guo Weixing, 23, an actor from Inner Mongolia was executed Tuesday for pushing a policewoman under a train two months ago, the New China News Agency said.

Russia said planning to test new missile

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (R) — The Soviet Union is apparently planning to test a new missile. *The Washington Post* reported Tuesday.

The newspaper quoted Pentagon sources as saying this would raise the possibility of Moscow's violating the limitations on new ICBM (Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles) in the 1979 SALT II treaty on limiting strategic nuclear arms.

Preparations for the launch had been observed at the Soviet missile test site near Plesetsk, 960 kilometers northeast of Moscow. *The Post* said.

Intelligence sources were unable to say

what the range of the new solid-fuel mobile missile might be, which was crucial to the question of whether it would violate SALT II, the paper reported.

The United States has not ratified the 1979 agreement, but both Washington and Moscow have said they would abide by its provisions. One clause limited each to one new intercontinental-range missile.

The Post said the Russians test-fired a large solid-fuel missile in October and quoted Pentagon sources as saying that testing of a second new missile would therefore violate the SALT II provision. No official comment or the report was immediately available.

Pravda hails House decision on MX

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (R) — The Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* Tuesday welcomed the U.S. House of Representatives decision to withhold funds for producing the controversial MX nuclear missile.

Pravda said the battle over the deployment of the new missile had ended with variable success. The newspaper pointed out the conflict between the House of Representatives and the Senate, which earlier this month

approved a plan to fund \$988 million for production of the first five MX missiles.

Pravda said it was premature to conclude that hopes to develop the new missile system had been dealt a killing blow by the House rejection of the funding plan. "That is far from being the case. The MX plan has not at all been buried", it said, adding that White House was sticking firmly to its plans for MX development.

Bonn likely to spare former Nazi

BONN, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Hans Lipschis, the first alleged West German Nazi ordered to be expelled from the United States, might not have to face charges on arrival here, according to the justice ministry.

Lipschis, who is 63, is suspected of involvement in the deaths of millions of victims in the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps from 1941 to 1945. The U.S. authorities have ordered him to leave the country within the next four months, and the West German authorities have agreed to let him come here. "We have no other choice," a

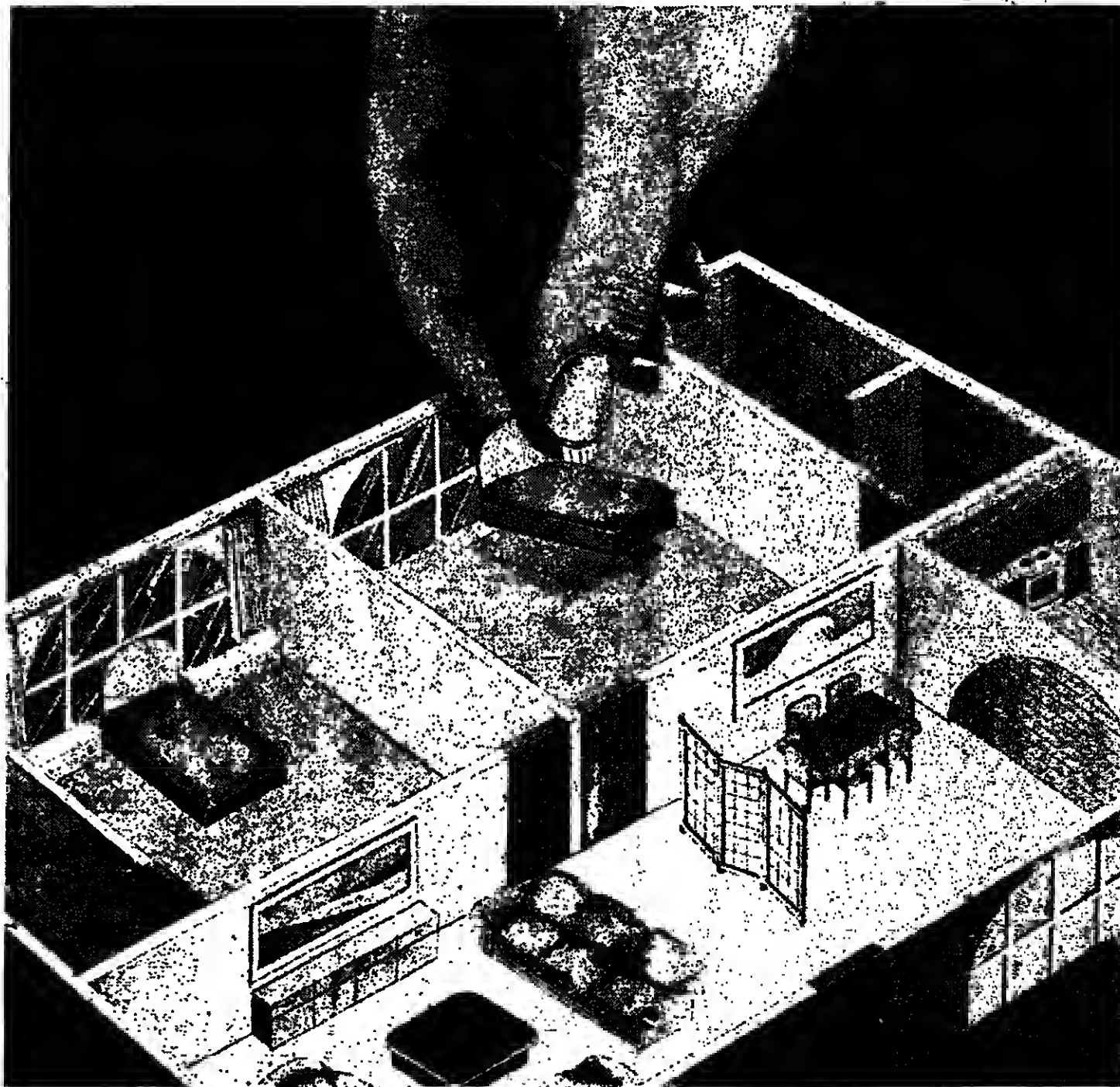
foreign ministry official said.

"There is a Bonn-Washington accord that the U.S. can expel any West German national living there, who gives incorrect information on entering the country, which appears to be the case with Lipschis." The justice ministry said that no arrest warrant had ever been issued for Lipschis, and it was too early at this stage to say whether any court proceedings would be taken against him.

Meanwhile, reliable sources said here that the U.S. authorities were about to expel a second alleged West German Nazi.



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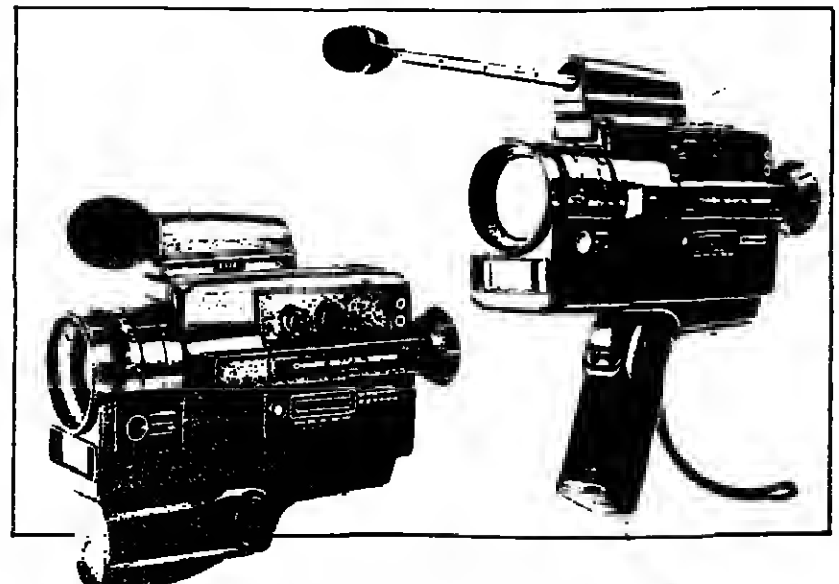
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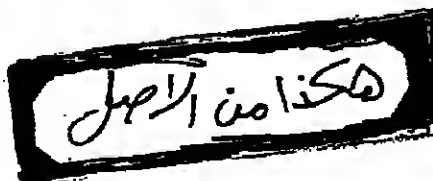
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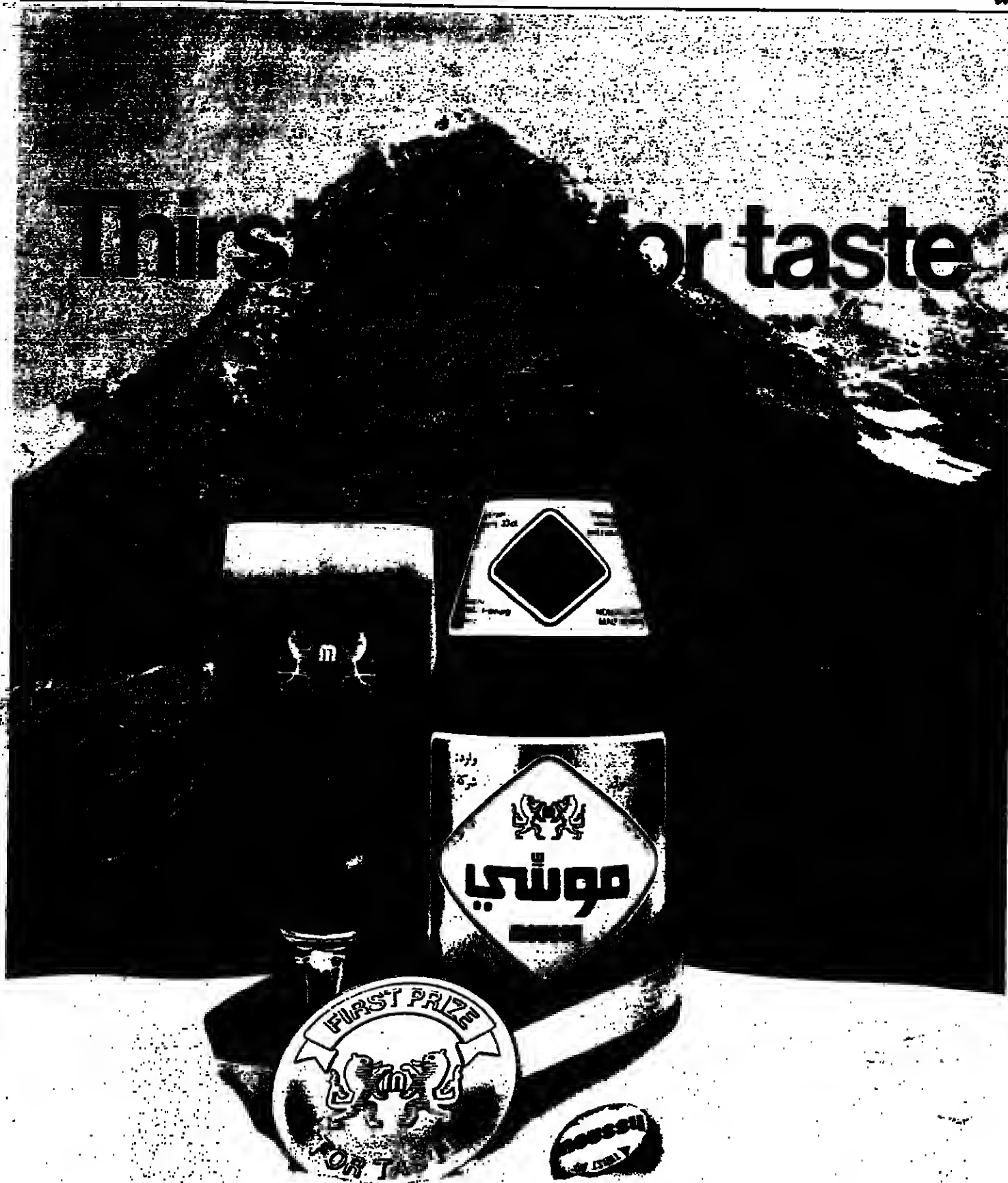


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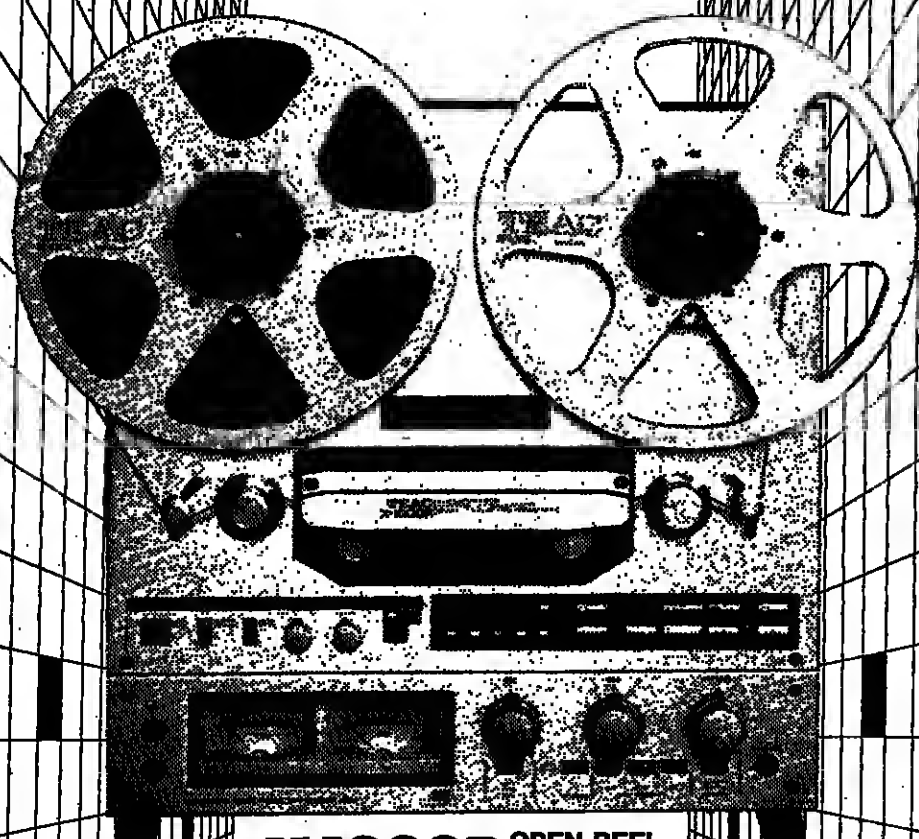
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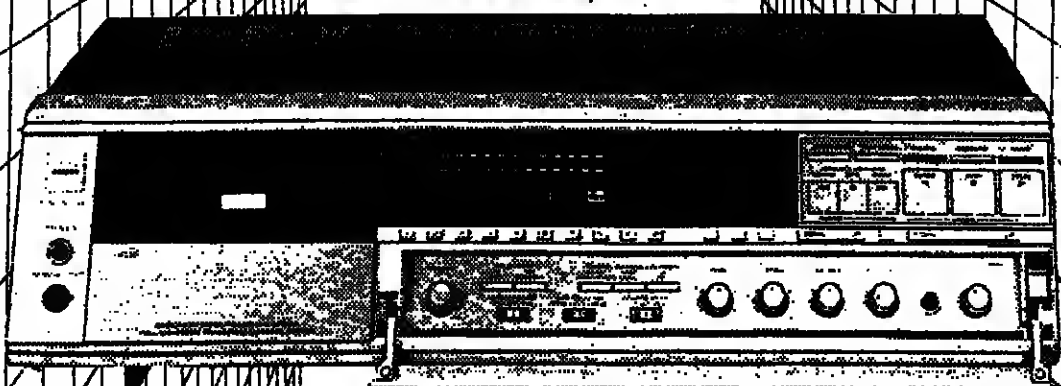
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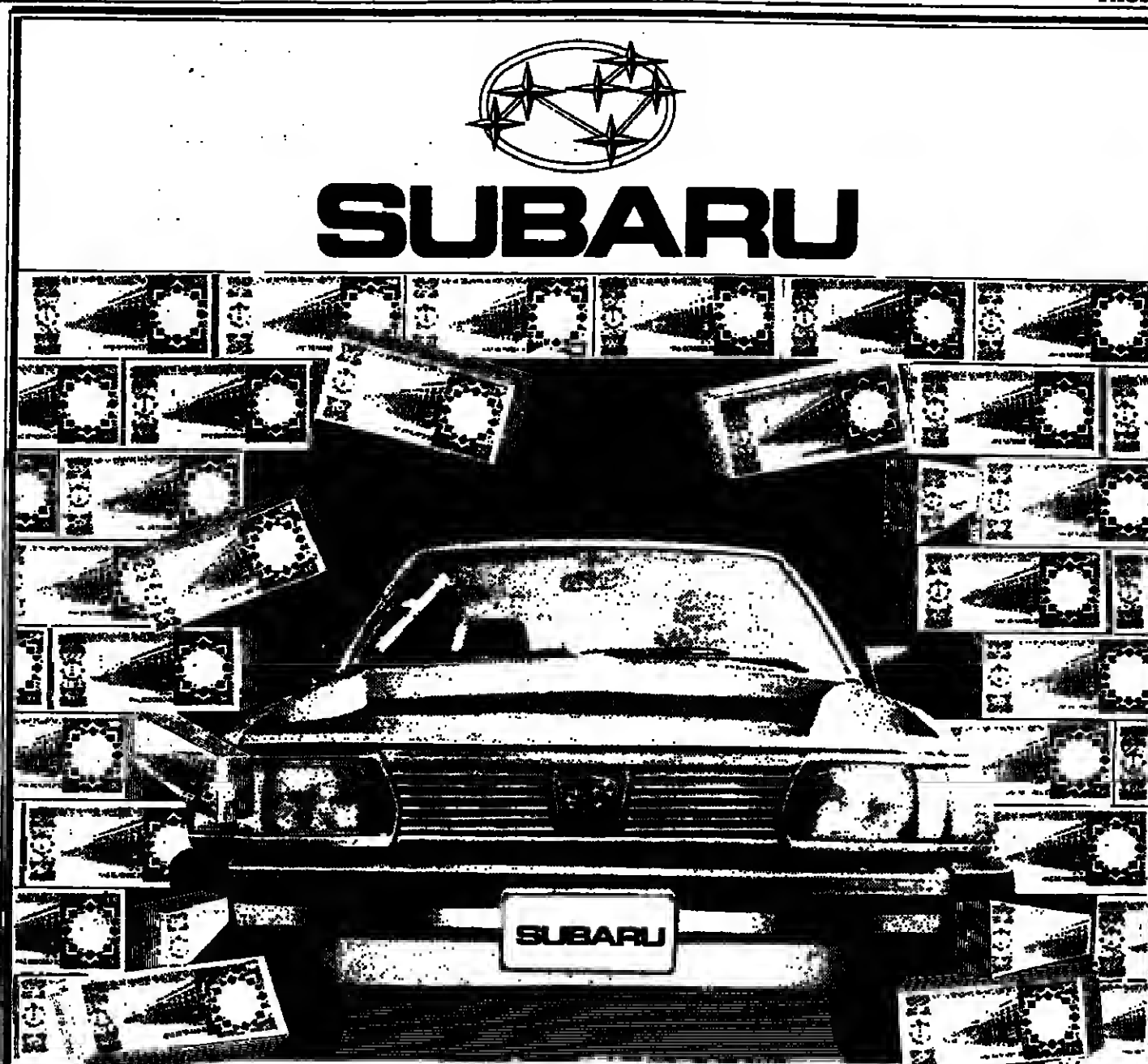
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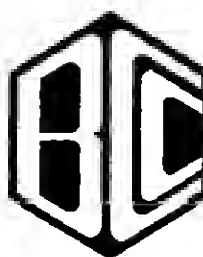


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LEBANON PEACE TALKS

There is a little doubt that the United States government is helping in bringing about a peaceful settlement in Lebanon by getting the Israelis and other non-Lebanese troops out of the country. The talks which opened yesterday between the Lebanese and Israelis with 'active participation' by the U.S. are designed to do that, hopefully, although there is a certain ring of unreality about them. The talks are being held in the outskirts of Beirut where the Israelis are stationed in strength. The meeting is taking place in Lebanon, large parts of which are effectively occupied by Israeli forces who show no intention of withdrawing except on their own terms.

Unfortunately, neither Lebanon nor other Arab states can have much of a say in the final outcome of these negotiations because they have shown for a long time now that they do not possess the necessary military power to back their demands. Lebanon must fend for itself almost single-handedly and strive to regain full sovereignty over all its territory and people.

That is not going to be easy. The Israelis, with the overwhelming military edge that they possess, are expected to squeeze the Lebanese apple until the pips squeak to ensure that they get exactly what they want.

The U.S. as an active participant in the talks and the party that had given Israel the green signal to go ahead and invade the country to evict the Palestinians and the Syrians, will be in an embarrassing position in the eyes of the rest of the Arab world. What will it do to bring about a just settlement? It has emerged as the ascendant superpower in the region, and the Lebanese have been looking to it for their salvation from Israeli control. The Syrians and Palestinians are bound to leave the country once the Israelis have gone. That is not the problem.

The problem is the price that Lebanon will be made to pay for its freedom from Israeli occupation. A lot of the solution will really depend on the U.S. and so will its credibility in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabian press review

Okaz Tuesday doubted Israel's real intentions in the Khaled talks with Lebanon to ensure an Israeli troop withdrawal from Lebanese territory and deplored the Zionist role in fomenting trouble between Lebanese factions. It said Israel would not take the negotiations seriously unless it received big concessions from the Lebanese government.

It added that Israel was demanding the total withdrawal of Palestinian forces from Lebanon as a first step and later the partial withdrawal of Israeli forces. The paper called for an Israeli troop withdrawal from the mountain area and the Shouf, the scene of artillery battles between the Lebanese forces and the fighters of the Progressive Socialist Party

to contain the situation, after it became evident that Israeli forces were fomenting trouble between the two warring factions.

It urged the U.S. administration to check Israeli pressures on Lebanon and assist the legitimate authority to re-establish its control over Lebanese territory.

Al-Bilad said the Khaled talks were set to ensure foreign troops withdrawal from Lebanon.

Al-Bilad said the two sides had already advanced conflicting views on the purpose of the talks. The paper added that Lebanon was facing military and political pressures from Israel, especially after the Zionist invasion of the country. Ever since the invasion, Israel had tried to undermine Lebanon's national unity and sovereignty, the paper said. (SPA)



Mrs. Gandhi-Maneka feud degenerates into mudslinging

By Ajay Bose

NEW DELHI — The feud between Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi and her rebel daughter-in-law Maneka has intensified into an ugly mudslinging campaign which has both sides revealing dark secrets of India's ruling family in the national press.

While the Congress paper, *The National Herald*, last week published lurid details of the alleged unhappy relationship between Sanjay and his wife, Maneka, the latter hit back by leaking out to another paper letters from Mrs. Gandhi in Sanjay about the escapades of her elder son and presumed political successor, Rajiv, while he was studying in England in the mid-sixties.

The Herald article particularly has amazed observers here for its vindictive attack on Maneka and her family. Written by Muhammad Yunus, a close confidant of the Gandhi family, the article borders on scurrility as it details the fights between Sanjay and Maneka. It suggests that the former was driven to flying dangerous stunt planes and subsequently to death in a crash in 1981 because of an unhappy married life. Yunus, in whose house Sanjay and Maneka were married, recounts first-hand incidents of bitter quarrels between husband and wife. Maneka is described as a greedy, lazy, power-hungry virago whose constant demands made life miserable for Sanjay and his mother, Mrs. Gandhi. He is even harsher on Maneka's mother, Mrs. Amteshwar Anand, whom he accuses of amassing a

fortune by exploiting the Gandhi name and he goes to the extent of listing amorous adventures in which she is supposed to have indulged.

Rajiv Gandhi's wife, Sonia, on the other hand, is described in glowing terms by Yunus as the ideal wife whose only interests center around "the kitchen, her children and her husband." The article ends with a lengthy panegyric on the wonderful leadership qualities of Rajiv who according to Yunus, is the ideal successor to the Indian prime minister. Yunus also makes a veiled threat that should Maneka dare to question his charges, he had even darker secrets to reveal about her and her family.

Undeterred by the warning, Maneka retaliated within a few days of *The Herald* article. A Bombay

daily, *Free Press Journal*, carried a front page story, tartly headlined "Hope of nation was mum's despair" based on letters from Mrs. Gandhi to Sanjay about Rajiv's escapades as a student in England. The correspondence, which is believed to have been leaked out by Maneka, reveals that contrary to popular impression, it was Rajiv rather than Sanjay who was getting into scrapes in England and Sanjay was asked more than once by his mother to bail out his elder brother.

Mrs. Gandhi was apparently very worried about her elder son's future and expressed this fear in her letters to Sanjay. She described Rajiv in Sanjay as "irresponsible and easily influenced by the wrong sort of people." At one point, Mrs. Gandhi asked Sanjay to help out Rajiv when the latter's landlady threatened to sue him.

The leaked correspondence is obviously a bid by Maneka to tarnish the "Mr. Clean" image assiduously cultivated by Rajiv, and take revenge for the slander campaign against her by the Congress Party. With the war in the Gandhi family getting more and more sordid and public, there seems to be little chance of a reconciliation between the Indian prime minister and her daughter-in-law whom she dramatically banished from her house earlier this year.

According to insiders in the party, Mrs. Gandhi sees Maneka as a more serious threat than the entire opposition and the continuing campaign against the young widow by the Congress seems to be an expression of this fear. Maneka on her part, has also showed little inclination to patch up with her mother-in-law and despite arrests of her friends and pressures on her family, maintained a defiant stand.

The fight between the two is expected to reach a peak in next month's state assembly elections when Maneka's political forum, Sanjay Vichar Manch, will contest in the polls for the first time. The Congress is reported to have staked all its resources to defeat the Manch in the coming elections. (G)

Taiwan aims at self-sufficiency in arms

From a Special Correspondent

TAIPEH — Taiwan will produce its own jet fighter and high precision missile system by 1988. Premier Sun Yun-Suan announced last week.

He said his country must do all it can, in the shortest possible time, to develop an independent basic national defense industry, update its weapons, and diversify market sources for armaments. The problem of how and where to buy advanced weapons is becoming more and more acute for Taiwan. In August, the Washington-Peking communiqué declared that the United States, which trained and equipped Taiwan's armed forces for nearly 30 years, would not supply arms higher in quality or greater in quantity than those already sold. It also declared the U.S. would gradually reduce its sales, "leading over a period of time to a final reduction."

This has added an urgency to a drive toward self-reliance that began when Washington broke relations with Taipei on Jan. 1, 1979. Defense spending after that rose rapidly and now accounts for 8.5 to 10 percent of GNP. After the break with Washington, the government also established a National Defense Industry Fund, to which the public has already contributed over \$90 million.

This huge defense bill is based on the belief that, in the words of President Chiang Ching-kuo, "the Communists are prepared 24 hours a day to mount

an invasion and we are prepared 24 hours a day to fight a war of resistance."

Officials here point to statements made by the Peking New China News Agency after the August communiqué that the "resolution of the Taiwan issue is purely an internal affair of China" and that there is no linkage between peaceful reunification and the reduction in U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. Peking in other words, has not ruled out the use of force.

Militarily, there is no doubt that China has the ability to attack Taiwan. It has atomic and nuclear bombs, ICBMs, and only in October fired intermediate-range ballistic missiles from a nuclear-powered submarine into the sea north of Taiwan. It maintains between 200 and 300 fighters at air bases on the south-east coast opposite Taiwan, according to the defense minister here, Adm. Soong Chang-chih. And, a normalization of relations between Peking and Moscow would free more men and resources for anti-Taiwan operations.

Against the mainland's armed forces of over four million, Taiwan has just under half a million under arms, according to informed sources, plus 2,800,000 reserves. Every able-bodied man does two to three years' military service. Taiwan had the capability to make nuclear weapons four years ago but has repeatedly said it will not do so. It is unable to produce the advanced weapons it needs to

guarantee long-term air and sea superiority in the Taiwan Strait. Such a weapon is the FX fighter plane that President Reagan refused to sell to Taiwan earlier this year.

There appear to be very few countries prepared to sell this kind of weapon to Taiwan. Britain and France seem out of the question because of deals with mainland China. Purchases from Israel are impossible because of Taiwan's dependence on Arab oil and close diplomatic links with some Arab states. And the weapons made by another close diplomatic friend, South Africa, are not advanced enough, according to Defense Minister Soong.

No West European country has sold arms directly to Taipei since late 1980, when Holland agreed to sell two submarines and had its Peking ambassador expelled as a result. It is hard to see where Taiwan can turn, which is why President Chiang said the U.S. will remain the country's chief arms supplier. And it cannot expand its military budget much further without taking away funds needed to upgrade other sectors of the economy, at a time when the island is going through its worst slump in three decades.

Perhaps, its best defense is trade. As Premier Sun said last week: "We must make every effort to make the economy of Taiwan an integral part of the world economy, so that it becomes in the best interests of the advanced industrial countries to show open support for us." (UNSS)

Letter to the editor

Investments in Canada

Sir,

I heard the interview you gave to the "As It Happens" program of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, aired Nov. 23. Let me assure you that Canadians generally are not anti-Saudi. Some who were born here, however, still retain a deep suspicion of all things "foreign", including immigrants, and this extends even to the British. They are, perhaps, influenced by the wealth brought by the Saudis and others. The Canadian-on-the-street views this with a little envy and is annoyed when the price of his gasoline and heating oil increases due to events that happen half-way across the world.

Of course, many things that happen both inside and outside Canada affect costs. We Canadians joke about our "branch plant economy": large multi-national companies with head offices elsewhere — notably the United States — own much of our manufacturing industry. The country needs the invested money, yet, paradoxically, the people hate to think the country — and they themselves — are being "sold". Thus the Foreign Investment Review Agency (FIRA) was set up by the government as a political defense against public protest. Not only does FIRA monitor ownership, it keeps an eye on the fairness of investment practices.

In the case of the recent Cadillac-Fairview apartment sales in Toronto, it was the residents themselves who started the reaction. Early in November, buildings containing over 11,000 occupied apartments were sold by Cadillac for 270 million Canadian dollars. Over 20,000 persons are

tenants in those units. While many of these are working in the professions, a good number of them are elderly, living on fixed retirement incomes.

Two days after Cadillac's sale, the whole parcel was again sold for 310 million — a tidy profit for two days — to a third company named Kiderkin, acting as agent via the services of a Toronto lawyer. From that point, according to newspaper reports, various numbered holding companies took small portions of the total — this evidently to confuse any future investigation — for an overall sum of 500 million dollars. The nominal ownership of these sub-groups was quoted as being Integrated Consulting Engineers and Architects of Saudi Arabia.

The first question most reasonable Canadians are asking is why did the Saudis pay 500 million dollars for something that was only worth 270 million less than a week previously? We feel the Saudis were cheated, and this is why we have petitioned FIRA to investigate — the deal smacks of dishonesty and that dishonesty seems to be on our side of the Atlantic. Strangely enough, most of the principals in the various deals appear to have vanished — out of the country on a "winter holiday".

Our second concern is the effect on us. Contrary to your understanding, the Canadian law lends itself to evasion. You said in your interview that Canadian law protected the tenants from large rent increases.

The Canadian law protects some of the tenants in some circumstances. In Ontario there is a six percent increase per year allowed — if the building was built before 1975 and if the rent is below \$750 a month. The average present rent of the apartments

concerned is about \$400. But, if the building is sold, the new owner can add a "reasonable" (no actual figure quoted) percentage to cover refinancing charges, that is, a new mortgage, plus another percentage for increased maintenance costs, plus another for repairs and renovations... and where does it stop? This is why the tenants of the apartments in Toronto have organized. They want to have the Canadian laws changed. They are not being anti-Saudi, nor are they "Arab-bashing."

Many of us appreciate Saudi feelings on usury and interest-charging. We realize that any "refinancing charges" to cover the increase in value from 270 million dollars to 500 million in less than a week will be levied by Canadians acting — perhaps incorrectly — in your name. We are hoping that the properties will continue to be maintained in the same clean and comfortable manners in the past.

Most of us expect to pay some rent increase, but the prospect of up to 50 percent per year cumulatively when all the extras are added in is too much. And at a time when our politicians are asking for "restraint" to combat inflation, when many people's cost-of-living salary increase this year is only 5 percent — that is, if they still have a job — and when predictions for the coming months are ever-gloomier, we are vociferously pointing out a few discrepancies in the system. It is unfortunate that you have become involved. I can assure you that no offence is meant.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 1982. There are two days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1170 — Archbishop Thomas Becket is murdered in the cathedral of Canterbury, England.

1503 — Spanish complete conquest of Naples.

1680 — Lord Stafford of England is executed for treason.

1857 — British and French forces take Canton in China.

1921 — United States, Britain, France Italy and Japan sign Washington treaty to limit naval armaments.

1937 — Irish free state becomes Eire under Irish constitution.

1962 — United Nations troops occupy Elizabethville, Katanga.

1965 — Independence for Bechuanaland is announced. United States prohibits export of gasoline, kerosene and other petroleum products to white-ruled African nation of Rhodesia.

1973 — Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos ends his elected term and begins in rule on basis of takeover decree.

1976 — Violent outbreaks are reported in China, south of Peking, with blame placed on dissident followers of late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

1978 — Shah of Iran continues to refuse to step down despite crippled economy and crumbling national order.

1981 — United States halts trade and technology sales to Soviet Union in protest of martial law regime in Poland.

Thought for today:

When fortune knocks: open the door—German proverb.

Countless trekking routes

The Himalayas: a geological temptation

By David Rennick

KATMANDU (WP) — To the east of the sequestered valley city of Katmandu lies the forbidden and forbidding — Darjeeling, Sikkim, Bhutan and, literally above all, Mount Everest.

From the window of an Air Burma prop jet, I could see Everest, the 29,028-foot peak the Nepalis call Chomolungma, (mother of the world). I stared east, awed by the jutting rock, the deep, vast bowls of snow and ice.

Aboard the flight from Calcutta to Katmandu and then for hours on my rope bed at the Katmandu Guest House, I thought long about Everest, a geological temptation that has seduced many and killed some. I even pondered the erotic meaning of the mountain, how the Dalai Lama had tried for so long to keep it virgin territory, how Edmund Hillary and the Sherpa Tenzing Norgay finally "conquered" it in 1953, how the Nepalis call it mother, how so many had died on it, failing to reach its peak.

Alone in a \$2-a-night room in Katmandu you can think anything. I asked around about the trek to the base camp at Everest and was told I could expect to be gone for more than a month — weather permitting. "If I was going to find something, no matter what it was, I had to find it in less time and under less precarious circumstances."

The Himalayas fan across all of Nepal and there are countless trekking routes. I headed west toward what I thought would be a more reasonable fantasy: a trekking pilgrimage from the basin village of Pokhara along the winding, often precarious Jomosom trading route to a Hindu-Buddhist temple at Muktinath, near Mustang and the Tibetan border.

A few miles out of Katmandu, our bus is rattling around the Himalayan foothills along the Prithvi Highway, an asphalt miracle carved and paved by the kingdom of Nepal. Thirty years ago this remote country was virtually closed to tourism, but times have changed: the bus is filled with Americans, Germans, French, Australian and Dutch visitors. We are heading toward Pokhara, where most of us will set out trekking on various paths in a vast collection of mountains in north central Nepal called the Annapurna range.

As the snow-peaked summit of Annapurna I comes into view there is a hush in the bus. The only voice I hear is a young Australian, dressed in a ragged sheepskin coat, talking to his young son. He is recounting the Himalayan legend of an English climbing team that stopped just short of the top of the great Sikkimese mountain, Kanchenjunga, in order to leave its sacred summit untouched.

I begin to worry that I have no such reverence for the world I am about to enter, that I am no more worthy of this beautiful place than I am of the opportunity for silence and insight it affords. Perhaps I've come here, only because it is, like the Taj Mahal, a requisite stop for visitors to India and Nepal. Another



MOUNT EVEREST: The 29,028-foot Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world. The Nepalis call it "Chomolungma" (mother of the world).

tale to tell, another postcard version of experience.

Days 1-2: preparing

Arrival in Pokhara. I take a room at the Garden Guest House for eight Nepali rupees a night (50 cents).

Days 3-4: first blisters

All the essentials go into the knapsack: an ace bandage, dramamine, aspirin, sudafed, band-aids, mercurochrome, flagyl, codeine, splints, eye drops.

I study a Mandala trekking map of the Pokhara-Jomosom route on the short bus ride to the bazaar, the starting point for paths leading north and west. The beat-up blue bus is three-quarters filled with locals. It's hard to imagine what these people must think of the foreigners clustered in the back — wide-eyed visitors carrying fat rolls of 10-rupee notes in a land where an annual income of \$200 is way

above average. There are West Germans about to begin walking in the Kali Gandaki Valley while wearing Sony Walkmans. Americans sporting gym shorts and T-shirts. Australians carrying equipment that could house and supply a family of six.

Most of the Nepalis are dressed in shawls and tunics. Barefoot, they will carry and sell huge sacks of rice, tea, tools, grain and anything else unavailable in Naudanda, Khare, Hille, Tirkedhunge and all the other tiny mountain villages that lead to Jomosom.

The trek begins with a two-mile plain, a wide valley reminiscent of the Utah salt flats. I set out with the dozen or so trekkers. The sky is clear, the sun powerfully hot, and within minutes I pull off my yak wool sweater.

At this early stage of the Jomosom Road, Nepali children offer to carry backpacks for

less than \$2 a day. Their price will go up as climbers' muscles grow wearier. They are barefoot and wear woven caps and clothing. Few are more than five feet tall. I am not sure how far I'll get, but I'll be damned if I'm going to hire a porter. Tiny victories for modest ambitions.

The first real climb comes at the end of the plain, a quick 1,500-foot ascent past a Tibetan camp up to the first true mountain village on the route, Naudanda. I stop at a teahouse and eat what is to become standard fare for the days ahead: tea and dal, a filling if lentil dish that is the staple for millions in Nepal and northern India. These little towns come very few miles or so — 15 to 20 shacks and a few teahouses where trekkers, birdsmen and traders can eat and stay for the night. I pull off my boots and begin taping an endless series of blisters.

Days 4-5: roughing it

Every day I wake at dawn. Every day it is harder to get up and get moving. At a busted-up old table by the road, I wolf down a plate of dal and watch the first far-off fires of the morning.

Says 5-6: endgame

The news from returning trekkers is dismal. The area around Jomosom is snowy, the tiny airfield is muddy, no flights out for at least a week. I would have to walk all the way back and I know I'll never make it. The trip to Muktinath has to be scotched, and though I know such a pilgrimage was contrived in the first place, I am not altogether delighted.

I decide to try for Ghorepani, a small village at 10,000 feet. I set out alone, again to the hypnotic ringing of the mule trains. Yesterday, after I turned my ankle on a dew-slick stone, the temptation to hire a porter was tremendous, but after a couple of miles I forget about Muktinath and Jomosom and the road seems easy. Ambition disappears.

The road is a steady climb, but the terrain changes dramatically along the way, from river bed to forest, from arid hillside to rain forest. For two days I walk completely alone and for two days I am completely at ease. It is hard to say what I think about along the road, but I know my state of mind has changed since the early part of the trip. Somehow, for these two days I am not concerned with what I have always called the world — family, friends, ambition, politics, books — and it is more than relief or vacation, it is something new.

The whole Annapurna range is laid out in front of me. The snow on the peaks is blue-white in this last light and the sun is the color of a blood orange. I look down into the river valley and see a chicken hawk in flight, flailing and arcing in the air. To look down on flight, to stand across from these mountains, to just be here, in half-light as the stars begin to appear in the huge blackening bowl of the sky, to be alone on this spot and alone in one's own imagination, if only for the moment is to have gone far to learn to stand silent and still, but it has been worth the journey.



REFUELING IN MIDAIR: Looks unusual, but this happened over Long Island recently when a Sikorsky helicopter CH-53E was refueled by a U.S. Marine Corps tanker in an air-to-air mission. This was the first aerial refueling of this type of helicopter.

S. America turns away Falklands-bound flights

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

LONDON (LOS) — A wrangle between the Brazilian Foreign Ministry and the Brazilian Air Force has robbed Britain of its last prospect of acquiring landing rights in South America for a regular air service to the Falkland Islands.

There is now no hope of acquiring such rights until the British government resumes talks on sovereignty over the islands with Argentina, according to diplomatic sources. Lord Shackleton, author of two reports on the islands, has warned that their prospects are gloomy without a regular air service.

Throughout next year at least, access by air to the islands will have to be ensured by the maintenance of the present intricate system of refueling RAF Hercules aircraft twice in the air as they fly south from Ascension Island to Port Stanley.

Brazilian officials recently confirmed that Brazil had rejected British requests for permission to route Falklands-bound flights through its airports. RAF aircraft which get into difficulties on the 3,800-mile leg between Ascension and the Falklands will however continue to be allowed to make emergency landings on Brazilian territory.

Britain had been counting on officers in the Brazilian Air Force, sympathetic to the British cause, continuing to allow liberal use of Brazilian airfields for flights to Stanley. The Brazilian Air Force, anxious to cement a relationship with the RAF and eager to learn the lessons of an air war with Brazil's great rival Argentina, had wanted to continue giving facilities to Britain in Rio de Janeiro on other airports.

The Brazilian airmen have been overruled by Brazilian diplomats at the Itamarati, the seat of the Foreign Ministry in Brasilia. "We, not the Air Force, run the country's foreign affairs," one diplomat remarked. Brazil, though bigger and more powerful than Argentina, does not want to make too much of an enemy of its southern neighbor or lose its export markets there. Brazilian officials have said that landing rights could be given if bilateral talks between London and Buenos

Aires were to begin. Hopes that Chile and Uruguay would supply airports to serve the Falklands have been dashed.

Though the military regime in Uruguay was cooperative with Britain during the war, generals in Montevideo, just across the River Plate from Buenos Aires, are fearful of what economic and political pressure Argentina could exert on their small country.

Argentine tourists supply the bulk of trade with Uruguay's important tourist industry which is making a special sales effort in Buenos Aires as the summer holiday season begins, and Uruguay relies on imports and services from Argentina.

Chile, too, has shied away from offering Britain any landing rights in the southern city of Punta Arenas, the nearest big population center only 550 miles from Stanley.

Chileans fear the Argentines could move in to Chilean territory or even capture Punta Arenas itself if the regime in Santiago gave Britain any concessions. Punta Arenas, not connected by road to the heartland of Chile and accessible only by sea or air from Santiago, is vulnerable to Argentine pressure.

As the Falklands War was ending Britain offered TAM, a small airline based in Punta Arenas with strong connections with the Chilean military, a cheap loan to buy British aircraft to run a service to the Falklands. The offer was never taken up.

British diplomats in Washington are "seeking clarification" about hints given by President Reagan during his recent tour of Central America that the U.S. would resume arms sales to the regime in Guatemala.

Such sales would be a direct threat to the British garrison defending the frontiers of newly independent Belize against a threatened Guatemalan invasion. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is privately furious about what it considers to be Reagan's off-the-cuff remarks.

The remarks apparently took even officials at the U.S. State Department by surprise. Right-wingers surrounding President Reagan continue to distrust leading U.S. diplomats at the State Department.

Nepal all set for giving a big boost to tourism

KATMANDU — The stage is set for an all-around effort to give Nepal's tourism industry a big push upward. The Himalayan kingdom has everything to make it a big tourist attraction like geographical, cultural and historical specialties and a breathtaking natural landscape. Top priority has been assigned in Nepal's sixth plan which became operative in the fiscal year 1979-80 to exploit this natural potential to its full extent.

Among other things, the plan envisages making tourism infrastructure more effec-

tive where they already exist, adding to the attractions of the existing tourism resorts and enlarging the role of domestic industry in tourism resorts and enlarging the role of domestic industry in tourism development. At the same time every effort is being made to attract foreign capital to develop air services in the interest of tourist arrivals. Along with this, steps are being taken to streamline and strengthen internal flights so that foreign tourists can be induced to visit areas outside Katmandu. The targets under the remote area tourism development prog-

rams include opening up 10 tourist trails with encamping sites at appropriate spots.

Apart from preserving the Muktinath complex, the plan also contemplates improving trekking routes leading to areas of tourist importance. The plan takes into account the imperative need for developing resting places and guest houses along the trekking routes. Information centers in Pokhara, Kankar-Bhitta, Tribhuvan Airport, Basantipur and other areas in the Terai region are to be further strengthened. All this, it is hoped, will go a long way in

substantially increasing the tourist inflow into this Himalayan kingdom.

The sixth plan, which incidentally represents the first determined attempt at systematically tackling the basic economic malaises of this landlocked country, also seeks to develop water for generation of electricity, irrigation, internal navigation and flood control. The other major objectives are increasing the foodgrain output, development of cottage and small scale industries, creating more job opportunities and reducing the wide disparities in income.

E.T. becomes money-spinner in U.K.

By Peter Needham

LONDON (R) — After a record-breaking run in the United States, the science fiction film E.T. looks set to become the biggest box-office winner in British cinema history. At the premiere, its rubbery goggle-eyed hero is said to have made the Princess of Wales cry.

E.T. made money faster in its first weeks than any other film shown in Britain, with the distributors reporting box-office sales at about 250,000 sterling (\$400,000) a day. In the first six days, it made twice the amounts taken by Hollywood blockbusters Star Wars and Jaws over the same period.

Stuart Salter, executive director of United International Pictures, the distributors, told Reuters that since the film's release in 250 cinemas through Britain, box-office receipts had topped 3.5 million sterling (\$5.6 million). The film has spawned a cult, and millions of models of the film's extra-terrestrial hero have poured into the country.

In the United States, where it was released six months ago, E.T. grossed \$100 million in its first 31 days and has now earned at least twice that amount. The film has reportedly been seen by more than 100 million Americans — half the U.S. population.

It opened in London earlier this month at a charity showing attended by Britain's heir to the throne Prince Charles and his wife, the Princess of Wales. Princess Diana was reported to have cried when the film's hero, a squat but lovable extra-terrestrial botanist stranded on earth, came close to death. Prince Charles cried too, according to one paper.

E.T.'s producer Steven Spielberg, 34, was at the London premiere with three of the film's stars: Henry Thomas, 10, Robert Macnaughton, 16 and seven-year-old Drew Barrymore.

The delay in releasing the film outside the United States was a deliberate marketing tactic. While summer is the best cinema season in the United States, films with family appeal fare better at year-ends in Britain and many other countries.

Critics on both sides of the Atlantic have made much of the quasi-religious overtones of E.T., in which the hero descends to earth, suffers cruelty at the hands of humanity and returns to the skies with a blessing for mankind.



THE FACE THAT MOVED DI: The rubbery goggle-eyed hero of E.T., who is said to have moved Princess Diana into tears, with child actor Henry Thomas, trying to contact his spacecraft with the help of a transmitter. The greatest of all Hollywood sensations, E.T. is earning for its producer \$1 million a day.

Graphically illustrating the point, a London weekly featured a review of the film by psychiatrist R.D. Laing, who pronounced it "psychologically finely observed" — and added he had enjoyed it greatly.

The central figure, E.T. himself, was created by the Italian sculptor Carlo Rambaldi, who previously designed the giant ape for Dino-de Laurentis' version of King Kong. The extra-terrestrial hero has unleashed a wave of E.T. dolls, toys, lapel badges, pencils, mugs, satchels, pillow cases, T-shirts and wallets in Britain. Some three million unlicensed E.T. replicas from the Far East have also flooded British shops.

But the film producers and distributors are more concerned with the impact of video

piracy on potential audiences. Britain's prolific pirates have already churned out illicit cassette copies of the American original on an unprecedented scale.

One cinema owner rejected the film after finding 60 percent of his customers had seen pirate copies. In an attempt to thwart the pirates, the film industry has spent large sums on hiring private detectives. British police have raided several distributors of pirate lascettes, resulting in mass confiscations and court cases.

But the appeal of E.T. has triumphed over the opposition. Salter said the piracy had made little dent in audience figures: "attendances are above anything we expected."

Invisible malnutrition stalks 3rd World

By John Madeley

LONDON (LOS) — To walk through a village in a developing country is to wonder what the world poverty problem is all about. Few of the children seem obviously malnourished and everyone is — well, so peaceful.

But things are not quite what they seem. Invisible malnutrition is today stalking the Third World according to a recently published United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund report. "The State of the World's Children, 1982-1983."

The first reaction of children who do not get enough food to eat is to conserve their energy, UNICEF says. But conserving energy means cutting out many activities normal to children the world over.

As a child sits resting under a tree for hours on end, he or she may look normal but invisible malnutrition is taking its toll.

"The reduced activity and apathy of the malnourished child," says Allan Berg, a senior nutrition advisor to the World Bank.

"deprives him of stimulating experiences and learning opportunities."

Fifteen out of 100 children suffer some serious invisible malnutrition, UNICEF says. By contrast, only one percent are visibly malnourished. The death of 15 million children from hunger and disease will stand as 1982's most gruesome memorial.

But amid the gloom, there is a ray of hope. UNICEF Executive Director James Grant believes that "immediate and dramatic gains" against child malnutrition and ill health are now possible.

Grant says that child deaths could be cut by over a half and at least 20,000 lives saved every day through new discoveries for an attack on malnutrition.

Five million children die each year because of dehydration caused by diarrheal infection. A recent discovery has shown that most of these lives could be saved by children taking a mixture of salt, water and sugar.

UNICEF says that every available channel,

"from the corner shop to the hospital" should be used to make packets of the new mixture available for mothers at prices they can afford.

New techniques for storing vaccines and making immunization more available have been discovered recently. Five million children die each year because they are not immunized against diseases such as measles. Immunization often costs as little as \$5 a child.

Informing more mothers about the advantages of breast-feeding could save a million lives a year. In poorer communities the bottle-feeding of powdered milk, often diluted with impure water, costs many lives.

Encouraging mothers to check their child's progress against wall charts at home has also been found to help. In Indonesia some two million mothers in 150,000 villages are weighing their babies on market-place scales and keeping their own growth charts. There is evidence that these charts have helped to reduce malnutrition.

IF HIPPOCRATES FOR MR. E!

For Mrs. E. I think you'll be interested in the remarks of a recently "recovered" patient: "It's quite evident that after a while, human beings take everything for granted. Remember how excited we all were when we put a man in a capsule and sent him around the moon for one trip? Now, they've even walked on the moon. For about 48 hours we were in a state of pleasant shock and incredulity. But these days, when men are 'up there' for weeks at a time, we practically forget they are still there. I find it's the same with great medical discoveries. But I won't forget. I've just been brought back from the dead by especially large doses of antibiotics. I'll always appreciate what modern medicine has done for me. I wonder how Hippocrates would feel if he could return and take a good look at the wonders of medicine."

I told him that if he did return he would be amazed, surprised and filled with disbelief. He would lose his equanimity. X-rays, electrocardiographs, electroencephalographs, innumerable laboratory tests depicting the functions of the stomach, thyroid, liver, pancreas, kidneys, heart. He would be impressed by looking through a microscope and seeing actual microbes that cause infection. He would be proud of his medical descendants as he observed heart, lung, liver and kidney transplants. He would be amazed how antibiotics and

other newer drugs so successfully fought infection. However, after seeing these modern marvels in medical diagnosis and cure I wouldn't be surprised to feel Hippocrates breathing over my shoulder and saying, "For pity sakes, when will you doctors find a cure for the common cold?" and I'd answer, "Not yet. But we will! We will!"

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers):

For Mrs. K.: Some time ago, I wrote that a new "cure" for hiccups was sucking on a lemon wedge, with a few drops of angostura bitters added. Since then, a few readers have been benefited by this formula. You might try it the next time your husband has one of his frequent hiccups "spells."

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I used to be on a low sodium diet before I began to take pills for my high blood pressure. Now that I take the medication, is it still important to cut down on salt? — Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. J.: Yes, by restricting excessive salt intake, you will enhance the effects of your anti-hypertensive pills. You may need drugs of lesser strength. In addition, you are less likely to risk abnormal potassium loss.

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

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Except countering inflation

In '82 U.S. failed to halt economic slide

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) — At yearend, U.S. inflation, the scourge of the nation the past half-decade, was showing genuine signs of giving way. And interest rates were finally falling, too.

But just about everything else worth caring about, already pretty bad, got worse in the United States in 1982. The recession that began in mid-1981 appeared to be heading into 1983. And few analysts outside the White House were looking for much improvement soon.

As 1982 was ending, the major negatives were: — Nearly 12 million — Americans were out of work, more than at any other time since the Great Depression. The national unemployment rate, up to 10.8 percent from 7.2 percent at the start of the recession, seemed likely to rise above 11 percent before long.

— Real gross national product, the inflation-adjusted sum of all goods and services Americans produced, was headed toward a 1982 decline of about 1.7 percent, the biggest since the mid-1940s.

— Nearly one-third of U.S. factory lines were standing idle, the most the government had ever counted. Big industry's output had been falling since July 1981.

— Barring an unexpected December surge, fewer new houses were being built than in any year since 1946. Private companies' bankruptcies were up 50 percent from last year, and the bankruptcy rate was the highest since 1933.

— Retailers' sales were rising only modestly, despite the July installment of the administration's three-year tax cut. Officials had hoped the tax cut would encourage consumers to spend the nation out of recession, but it didn't seem to do much except make the federal budget deficit larger.

— The federal budget deficit soared to a record \$111 billion, with a much worse record expected in 1983, the year candidate Ronald Reagan once promised a balanced budget. The foreign trade deficit was also headed for a 1982 record almost sure to be shattered in 1983.

As the year was nearing an end, officials were saying later analysis might show an economic upturn was arriving in December or January. But that was far from certain, and no one was predicting a robust recovery in 1983.

Unemployment was seen as likely to remain at 10 percent or more in 1983.

Experts see modest recovery

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (R) — The U.S. economy, battered by severe recession for almost a year and a half, finally should start to recover within the next six months, according to private economists.

But the economists told Reuters the recovery may be very weak by historical standards, perhaps half as strong as previous upturns.

Also, they warned that the unemployment rate, now at a post-World War II record of 10.8 percent, could remain in that vicinity for much, if not all of 1983.

"We are in the process of moving toward recovery," said Allen Sinai of Data Resources Inc. Sinai pointed to recent improvements in stock prices, housing construction, car sales and consumer buying as evidence that the economy is beginning to turn the corner.

"These areas typically begin to start up when a recovery is about to get underway," he said. But at the same time, Sinai and other economists said the economy faces a number of unusual problems unseen in previous recoveries.

One reason that economists are encouraged that a recovery will begin in 1983 is the

recent behavior of the Federal Reserve Board. Since last summer the Fed has shown a willingness to deviate from its rigid monetary policy to allow, and even encourage, interest rates to drop.

The Fed has cut its discount rate seven times since last July, bringing it down to 9.5 percent, its lowest level in more than four years.

Nevertheless, U.S. interest rates, which have fallen sharply since last summer, remain abnormally high, the economists said.

Lawrence Chimere, of Chase Econometrics, agreed, saying, "where we are now is where we've been for several months — in recession, waiting for recovery. And the longer we stay in this situation the greater the risk we run."

Chimere said if the economy does not begin to improve in the first half of next year, then the world economic and monetary systems will face very serious strains.

He said a lack of recovery in the U.S. could produce even more severe debt problems for developing countries, a sudden escalation in protectionist trade policies by the industrial countries and a sharp rise in bankruptcies among U.S. businesses.

Top American steel firm to lay off 10,000

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28 (AP) — A total 10,000 employees of the Bethlehem Steel board, are seen as reflecting the serious problems of the U.S. steel industry, which has 60 percent of its production capacity currently unused.

Bethlehem's economy measures are geared to reduce production by 3.5 million tons, or 15 percent of its steel-producing capacity.

The measures, primarily aimed at reducing wage costs, will cost the corporation around \$850 million, mainly in redundancy payoffs. The Lackawanna plant will be closed down late next year.

The corporation has already reported a deficit of \$322.7 million for the first nine months of this year.

The company said the move, which would be completed by the end of 1983, would be made because of continued losses at the affected operations and the "lack of reasonable prospects for adequate future profitability."

The corporation overall has a workforce of about 52,000 with another 30,000 employees on layoff.

World Bank lends \$70m to China

PEKING, Dec. 28 (AP) — The World Bank has granted a \$70 million loan to the Chinese Investment Bank, which finances industrial projects. The New China News Agency said Tuesday.

This loan, whose interest rate was not disclosed, is for assisting small and medium companies.

This is the first loan to a Chinese bank, a United Nations official said here.

Global financial system's weakness exposed

PARIS, Dec. 28 (AFP) — The myth of the strength of the international financial system was exploded in 1982 when almost daily a Third World or East European country was revealed to be well on, if not over, the verge of bankruptcy.

Total debts amount to over \$800 billion, causing many financiers and bankers to be haunted by the "Great Depression" which hit the world in the thirties.

Certainly the current indebtedness is an unprecedented record, showing up deep cracks in the world financial structure and having disturbing repercussions on international banking.

For the contagion of bankruptcy appears to be spreading from one country to another — like Domino theory — and this is resulting in the slow asphyxiation of the whole system, rather than in a dramatic financial crash.

The list of bankrupt countries lengthened

this year with 30 African, Asian and Latin American countries appearing on the list. Three Latin American countries — Argentina, Brazil and Mexico — alone owe a huge total of \$200 billion.

The Third World debt, which rose by \$100 billion in 1982, has tripled in the past six years, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and today has reached an estimated \$626 billion.

But even more significant, the servicing of interest payments on loans has quadrupled, and reached the annual total of \$130 billion. These figures alone underline the real crisis, and they also stress the extraordinary expansion of international credits granted in the seventies and the introduction of the floating exchange rate.

Banks have joined in a ferociously competitive battle which has driven their total loans to developing nations up by 20 percent. Their

share of the market, compared to low interest loans extended to these countries by some international agencies or rich countries has doubled in ten years.

Rising international interest rates, coincided with austere economic programs in the industrial countries, headed by the United States, to counter inflation hit Third World export programs hard.

But this Third World economic catastrophe has boomeranged on industrial countries, who sell one-fourth of their manufactured goods to the developing world.

The gross national product (GNP) of the 24 leading Western industrial countries, which are members of the OECD has declined by 0.5 percent in 1982.

Mexico's catastrophic economic situation, is a key clue to the worsening of the international financial system.

East European countries have not been spared from this economic debacle.

Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia are in trouble. The West refused to allow Poland to renegotiate debt and therefore Warsaw has simply not paid up an estimated \$2.5 billion this year.

Countries have always been able to approach the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for aid, but this body acts like a "financial gendarme" and insists on stringent conditions being accepted by the government concerned if a loan is to be granted.

Faced by a general worsening of the economic situation the "Big Five" — Britain, France, Japan, West Germany, United States — have agreed to make funds available to the IMF.

An emergency fund has been created and the 146 member countries of the IMF have been told to increase their contributions by 50 percent.

Caracas wants OPEC to fix quotas

CARACAS, Dec. 28 (AP) — Venezuela will continue to insist that production quotas be set for each member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — as long as the move entails no sacrifices for any. Mines and Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said.

The official Venpres news agency said the minister told reporters after meeting energy ministry officials Monday that Venezuela had emphasized at an OPEC ministerial meeting in Vienna on Dec. 19 that "realistic figure be set for world petroleum demand during 1983."

He said the international oil market next year "will be the same or better than in 1982 which means that OPEC's (average) produc-

tion should be between 19 and 19.5 million barrels a day." OPEC had set a daily average production figure of 18.5 million barrels a day for next year, he added.

The minister said Venezuela "will not sell below the official price" set by OPEC of \$34 a barrel.

He said the current price of Venezuela's oil exports was \$27.43 a barrel because of its make up on different varieties of petroleum.

Calderon Berti said that OPEC should produce only as much oil as required by the market or prices would fall. "Venezuela will continue insisting that production quotas be set for each OPEC member as long as all members observe them without exception and they do not entail sacrifices for any," Calderon Berti said.

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Despite government efforts

French see economy declining

PARIS, Dec. 28 (R) — Frenchmen are taking a gloomy view of the country's economic prospects next year as the Socialist government grapples with inflation, unemployment and falling living standards, an opinion poll said Tuesday.

A majority of people questioned in the Sofres poll published by the conservative daily *Le Figaro* said 1983, the first full year of government by the left, had been a bad one for France. They expected inflation to remain high, purchasing power to fall and unemployment to rise in 1983.

A poll published Monday by another right-wing daily, *Le Quotidien*, said that most people did not expect Socialist policies to prove effective next year. This opinion was balanced by a clear majority who said they thought that Socialist government could be made to work in France.

A Louis Harris poll earlier this month showed that the popularity of President Francois Mitterrand and his government was

at its lowest since the election in May 1981.

The Socialists, who are following austerity economic policies, face a major test in March in municipal elections across the country in which the opposition is mounting a serious challenge.

Both *Le Figaro* and *Le Quotidien* are normally critical of the government which imposed a pay and price freeze for several months this year after devaluing the franc for a second time.

The *Figaro* poll said half of those questioned expected 1983 to be a bad year for France while 15 percent expected it to be a good one. Some 26 percent thought it would be like other years.

The figure for those critical of France's performance in 1982 was also 50 percent while 14 percent were content. The most pessimistic view was taken by members of the conservative opposition parties but the number of Communist voters who were gloomy about prospects next year rose slightly.

Although the Communist Party has four ministers in the government, discontent among party supporters was one reason for the drop in support for the government.

Chase trims prime rate

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (R) — Chase Manhattan Bank Tuesday announced it was immediately lowering its prime rate half a point to 11 percent.

Chase is the first major bank to cut the prime to 11 percent. The prime is the interest rate banks charge their most creditworthy corporate customers.

The Chase move follows a half-point reduction to 8.5 percent in the discount loan rate of the Federal Reserve, the U.S. central bank system on Dec. 13.

The discount rate is the fee charged to member banks for loans by the Federal Reserve. The last series of prime rate reductions came in late November.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.15
Bangladesh Taka		14.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)		74.35
Canadian Dollar		278.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.65	145.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.50	131.35
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	51.50	51.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)		49.00
Indian Rupee (100)		35.38
Iranian Rial (100)		6.25
Israeli Dinar		25.20
Italian Lira (10,000)		25.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)		14.70
Jordanian Dinar	9.77	9.75
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.93	11.905
Lebanese Lira (100)	89.75	89.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	56.00	54.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.71
Philippines Peso (100)		38.10
Pound Sterling	5.58	5.56
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		162.75
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	28.00	27.20
Swiss Franc (100)	172.85	172.72
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.45
Turkish Lira (1,000)		3.45
U.S. Dollar		75.35
Yemeni Rial (100)		75.10

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6476196, Jeddah.

Labor costs rising in America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) — Costs of hiring labor in the United States rose in 1981 compared with costs in major European competitors, mainly because of the rise in the value of the dollar, according to a new study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics.

Figures for the current year were not included in the study, made available Monday. The dollar continued to rise during most of 1982 but there has been a decline since Nov. 8.

Increased cost of labor makes American goods more expensive, but the increased cost of dollars to foreigners seems to have been even more influential. Between July and September of this year, the gap between the value of U.S. goods sold to other countries and the value of U.S. imports rose to \$12.5 billion.

Labor costs for 1981 rose 7.2 percent in this country and 6.7 percent in Japan, but they went down in eight West European countries by an average of 12 percent — in West Germany by 15.7 percent, in Italy by 10.6 percent, in France 10.5 and Britain 4.5.

The 1981 figures contrast with an almost

OECD asks Finland to look Westward

PARIS, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Finland will have to work hard next year to maintain its international trade competitiveness, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said in its annual review here Tuesday.

The OECD warned that Finland would have to turn its export drive toward the West in the face of falling demand from the Eastern bloc, and would therefore have to tighten up productivity in order to compete on Western markets.

It noted that the Finnish economy had done relatively well up to now, with its 1982 performance above average for OECD member countries.

Finland's growth rate last year was 0.5 percent, down from 1.3 percent in 1981. Inflation was brought down to around eight percent from 9.9 percent in 1981 and the unemployment rate was a relatively low 6.4 percent. Finland also managed to trim its balance of

reflected in the Harris poll.

Le Figaro said many of those questioned regarded the pay and price freeze and the franc devaluation last June as the two most important domestic events of 1982.

The sharp rise in the value of the dollar, which the government has blamed for many of France's difficulties, was regarded as one of the most significant foreign developments.

The poll said 67 percent of those questioned thought unemployment would either remain at its present level of just over two million or would rise to 2.5 million.

Forty eight percent expected their living standards to fall with only 11 percent anticipating an improvement and 58 percent thought inflation would be between the government's target of eight percent and 12 percent.

Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy rivalled Jacques Chirac, the highest-ranked of the opposition leaders, in public esteem for his effectiveness in 1982.

But only nine percent expected a clear victory for the left in the municipal elections compared with 32 percent who forecast a triumph for the right.

uninterrupted trend during the 1970s, when U.S. labor costs dropped steadily by nearly 30 percent.

These are the figures in terms of U.S. dollars, and are therefore important in looking at U.S. trade with the rest of the world. In terms of each country's own currency, 1981 labor costs rose more slowly than in the United States in Japan and West Germany as well as in some smaller West European countries though there were no actual declines. But they increased more rapidly in France, Britain and Italy.

In terms of local currencies, labor costs in the United States dropped throughout the 1970s, compared with its major competitors. The study says that was because American wages fell — relative to wages in competing countries — faster than output. That does not mean American wages actually went down, only that they went up faster elsewhere.

In Japan, Belgium and Denmark, wages rose comparatively but productivity rose faster. In West Germany, productivity remained at about the same rate as in competing countries, but relative pay was sharply down.

payments deficit on current account to an estimated \$100 million down from \$300 million in 1981 and \$1.4 billion in 1980.

The OECD attributed the better record to improving international trade competitiveness since 1977, and to "efforts aimed at adapting the economy to a slow down in growth and to a structural change in demand."

The Finns successfully diversified their industrial base, with manufacturing industries taking over a greater part of gross domestic product at the expense of the traditional forestry industries.

Fueling the change were special trade arrangements to boost exports in Eastern bloc countries just as demand began declining in OECD countries.

But trade with the East is likely to decline next year, and the Finnish economy will probably become more and more dependent on economic recovery within the OECD.

U.S. firms lead Arab boycott list

DOHA, Dec. 28 (AP) — U.S. companies topped the list of foreign firms banned by the Arab Boycott-of-Israel office during 1982, according to statistics published here.

A total of 143 American firms were black-listed during the year, in contrast with only two who were cleared after complying with boycott regulations, said a statement by the boycott office in Qatar. The names of companies concerned were not given.

The 34-year-old boycott movement operates under a regional headquarters in Damascus, Syria, with representative offices in various Arab countries. But it is up to each individual Arab government to issue decrees enforcing boycott decisions in each separate case.

The report said a total of 586 foreign firms were banned during 1982 for doing business with Israel or otherwise contravening the boycott regulations — intended as an economic noose for Israel.

Inflation in Kabul running at 20%

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 28 (AP) — Three years after Soviet troops occupied the Afghan capital of Kabul, the city is suffering from an annual inflation rate of as much as 200 percent. Western diplomatic sources here said Tuesday.

They also said the value of the afghani against most major foreign currencies had "dropped drastically" and that the central bank in Kabul had resorted to printing vast sums of money without reserve backing.

The central Asian country's foreign reserves totaled \$656 million in 1980, according to official Afghan statistics disclosed by a West European diplomatic source. Foreign debts totaled \$1.14 billion in 1979, the last figure available.

Egypt reduces oil prices anew

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (R) — Egypt Tuesday dropped its oil prices for the second month in a row, an official of the Egyptian General Petroleum Company reported.

The official said the price of the key Suez Blend would go down on Jan. 1 to \$31 a barrel, a fall of 75 cents.

Prices of lower grades will also go down. The official told Reuters that the Balayn grade would drop 75 cents to \$28 a barrel while Ras Gharib oil would fall 25 cents to \$26 a barrel. These prices were expected to hold until after March barring unforeseen circumstances, he said.

Dollar rates lose ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — The U.S. dollar fell back Tuesday after the Monday night New York markets saw the American currency lose ground in active trading. This was in contrast to the earlier European trading Monday when the dollar had virtually remained unchanged from Friday closing levels.

The news that the latest U.S. weekly money supply figures had shown a smaller than expected rise of \$600 million did not unduly affect the markets. What was more noticeable was a feeling that U.S. interest rates would ease further in order to stimulate the lagging U.S. economy. Chase Manhattan took the first plunge when in early New York trading Tuesday it announced a ½ percent reduction in its prime lending rate to 11 percent. This will put some pressure on the remaining U.S. banks to either follow suit now or act early in the new year.

Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates continued to ease at around 8 percent levels, with the "Fed" adding more liquidity into the system. It was economic news, however, that affected the dollar. Commerce Secretary Baldrige stated that the U.S. federal deficit for 1983 could reach the \$200 billion level and this started the dollar's slide. The November machine order tools figure also added gloom when it was revealed that this item had fallen a record 25 percent over the previous month's figure. There seemed to be a certain element of helplessness in the statement by the U.S. treasury secretary that the 1983/84 budget could see the imposition of

new U.S. taxes to ease the strain on the federal budget.

Gold and silver prices reacted sharply to this market interest rate and economic uncertainties. Gold prices closed some \$10 to \$11 higher in New York at \$558.50 an ounce while silver prices shot up to \$11.05 from \$10.75 earlier in Europe. Trading Tuesday was still erratic but the New York Monday night prices seemed to hold.

In the European exchanges, the closure of the London markets on Tuesday did not seem to affect sterling which continued to trade within a narrow band of 1.6100 to 1.6098 levels with some late buying interest coming in. The German mark registered some 200 point increase over the dollar at 2.3620 while the Japanese yen rose to 235.30 levels from 238.30 Monday.

The French currency was also stronger at 6.7000 levels from 6.75 on Monday, while the Swiss franc was unmoved at 1.9980 levels.

The Tuesday local markets saw rial deposit levels eased by about ¼ percent to take the one-month rate to 6 ½ - 6 ¾ percent from 6 ½ - 7 percent on opening, while one-week level fluctuated around the 6 ½ percent level.

The longer-dated funds were not affected but they were not traded much. Short-rial dollar remained at a dull 3.4395-05 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	closed
Paris	453.75
Frankfurt	458.50
Zurich	454.50
Hong Kong	456.05

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The Soviet Union has bought a further 200,000 tons of U.S. wheat, the Agriculture Department has announced. The purchase, to be delivered before next Sept. 30, brings to 5.2 million tons (2.2 million tons of wheat plus three million tons of corn) the amount of U.S. grain ordered by the USSR for the 1982-83 season.

TAIPEI (CNA) — Through the assistance of the Chinese foreign ministry, the Republic of China's science and technical cooperation plan with the United States is going as scheduled. Chang Ming-che, according to chairman of the National Science Council. In addition, the council has signed and put into effect official or semi-official cooperation agreements in science and technology with six friendly countries.

RABAT, (AFP) — No new taxes, more investments in education, agriculture and defense, and a 6.5 billion dirham (\$1 billion) deficit are the main features of Morocco's 1983 budget adopted by parliament here Monday. The budget allows for spending 53.3 billion dirhams (\$8.5 billion) against

revenue of only 46.7 billion dirhams (\$7.5 billion).

VICTORIA, (AFP) — President France Albert Rene Tuesday warned of hard times ahead as he presented next year's budget to the Seychelles' parliament. Rene, who also holds the finance portfolio, outlined a total expenditure of \$65 million, of which the largest share, some \$13 million would go to the education and information ministry.

HARARE, (R) — Zimbabwe's national newspaper, *The Herald* Tuesday urged the nationalization of oil companies operating in the country. In an editorial, the pro-government newspaper blamed the oil firms for a chronic shortage of fuel which has forced the government to introduce strict rationing.

DOHA, (R) — Qatar expects to earn as much from gas as it does from oil, according to Dr. Taher Al-Hadi, an expert at the Qatari oil ministry. The daily newspaper *Al-Rayya* quoted him Tuesday as telling a seminar in Doha that the north gas field could be exploited for 300 years and plans were being made on the best way to develop it.

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While Everton shocks Forest

Sunderland holds Liverpool

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AFP) — English clubs played the second of their festive games Tuesday, another bank holiday in England. The crowds were not as good as Monday but most were still up on the average.

Many clubs have now completed half their matches for the season and with a lead of six points, over their nearest challenger, Liverpool look well on the way to yet another nearest challenger. First Division Championship success. It would be their sixth in the last eight seasons.

The defending champions were frustrated Tuesday, however, being held to a goalless draw by Sunderland at Roker Park, where goalkeeper Chris Turner completed a happy festive season by keeping a clean score sheet for the second day running, against two of the top clubs. Monday he defied Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Liverpool now have 44 points from 21 matches, six more than second-placed Nottingham Forest, who crashed to shock 3-1 defeat to Everton.

Third-placed Manchester United also lost to 3-0 away to fast moving Coventry City. Forest now have 38 points from 21 games and United have 36 points from the same number of outings.

Everton introduced new 50,000 pound signing Peter Reid and the former Bolton player responded with a fine performance against Nottingham Forest at Goodison Park.

Scottish striker Graeme Sharp scored twice in the first half and Everton's other goal came from Steve Mahon. Steve Hodge replied for Forest.

Former Manchester United manager Dave Sexton must have been delighted by the way his Coventry team outclassed the Old Trafford tide chasers. Sexton's successor, Ron Atkinson, dropped Dutch international Arnold Muhren to make way for fit-again England captain Ray Wilkins, but Wilkins made the error that led to Coventry's second goal. Peter Hormantschuk. Mark Hateley and Jim Melrose were the Coventry scorers.

Manchester City's 19-year-old midfielder Steve Kinsey scored his first senior goal and City bounced back from 5-2 thrashing at Liverpool to defeat West Bromwich 2-1.

Kinsey scored in the 26th minute. Ally Brown celebrated his 400th appearance for Albion with the equalizer but then Ally Robertson deflected a Dennis Tueart shot into his own net to give City victory.

Ian McCulloch scored in each half as Notts

County crushed Stoke City 4-0 in the only other Division One match of the afternoon. Gordon Mair and Mark Goodwin were the other county scorers.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, inspired by goals from Mel Eves and Andy Gray, moved three points clear at the top of the Second Division after beating Burnley 2-0 at Molinex. Challengers Fulham and Sheffield Wednesday both had disappointing results.

Fulham were held to 0-0 draw in a scrappy local derby at Chelsea, while Wednesday slumped to a 0-1 home defeat against Rotherham, whose goal came from Joe McBride.

Noel Blake, Birmingham City's center-half, revealed that he had been struck underneath the eye by a coin thrown from the terraces during his team's 3-0 victory over Aston Villa at St. Andrews Monday.

Bake, scorer of the first goal, was not seriously hurt, but when further missiles were thrown by Villa supporters the referee held up play for two minutes.

Afterwards, two-pence, ten-pence and 50-pence coins were found on the field. "I would have preferred five-pound notes", remarked one player.

English Soccer results

English Division One		Standings	
		Division Two	
Coventry	3	Nottingham Forest	1
Everton	3	West Bromwich	1
Manchester City	2	Stoke	0
Notts County	4	Liverpool	0
Sunderland	0		
Division Two			
Cambridge	1	Crystal Palace	0
Carlisle	1	Middlesbrough	3
Chelsea	0	Fulham	0
Grimsby	2	Newcastle	2
Leeds	1	Bolton	1
Leicester	1	Barnsley	0
Sheff. Wednesday	0	Rotherham	1
Wolverhampton	2	Burnley	0
Division Three			
Bradford	0	Wrexham	0
Brentford	1	Gillingham	1
Chesham	3	Sheff. United	1
Doncaster	2	Preston	0
Lincoln	1	Exeter City	2
Orient	5	Bournemouth	0
Division Four			
Blackpool	0	Tranmere	2
Bury	4	Hartlepool	0
Chesham	0	Stockport	0
Crewe	0	Peterborough	3
Manfield	2	Northampton	0

Standings

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton	21	13	4	4	40	19	43
Q. P. Rangers	21	12	4	5	32	19	40
Fulham	21	11	5	5	42	28	38
Leicester	21	10	3	8	37	24	33
Sheff. Wed.	21	9	6	6	32	23	33
Leeds	21	7	10	4	26	21	31
Grimsby	21	9	4	8	32	31	31
Oldham	20	7	9	4	34	30	30
Blackburn	20	8	5	7	32	29	29
Sheff. Wednesday	20	8	5	7	24	26	29
Chelsea	21	7	7	7	25	24	28
Newcastle	21	7	7	7	30	28	28
Rotherham	21	7	7	7	26	30	28
Burnley	21	6	9	6	27	27	27
Crystal Palace	21	6	8	7	24	25	26
Cardiff	21	7	4	10	39	43	25
Charlton	20	7	4	9	29	40	25
Middlesbrough	21	6	7	8	25	41	25
Bolton	21	5	6	10	21	29	21
Cambridge	22	5	6	11	23	34	21
Barnsley	20	2	9	9	18	31	15
Derby	21	4	3	14	27	41	15



Guy Forget... in action during the final

Forget, Bassett bag junior titles

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 28 — Guy Forget of France defeated Jorge Bardou of Spain, 7-5, 2-6, 6-1, while Carling Bassett of Canada turned back Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria in an abbreviated match, 6-3, 4-3, to claim the 18s title in the Orange Bowl World Junior Tennis Championships Monday.

Forget, the top seed, broke Bardou's serve in the twelfth game of the first set to take the early lead. But the unseeded Bardou rallied for a 4-0 lead in the second set and won that set. Forget took only 20 minutes to claim the final set.

In the girls' 18 final, Bassett breezed through the first set and the score was tied at 3-3 when Maleeva hit a lob that the umpire ruled was out, that gave the game to Bassett. Maleeva, the fourth seed, packed her gear during the changeover in games and walked off the court, giving the match to Bassett.

Meanwhile, American Mike Bauer won the \$75,000 South Australian Open at Memorial Drive Tuesday by defeating Australian Chris Johnstone 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Bauer, 23, from Lafayette, California, earned \$15,000. Johnstone from Perth, Western Australia, earned \$7,500.

Service was the major difference between the pair.

From Bracket One

Lockheed makes grade

By Naiche Nedni-Apache

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — The Bracket One playoffs in the two Fitch Holiday Softball Tournament saw Jerry Freeman's Lockheed team emerge victorious with the best record of three wins and no losses.

The first night in Bracket One play saw Raytheon manage a hard-fought victory over Bendix 8-5. In the second game, which pitted Bendix versus Whittaker, Bendix announced they were forfeiting the game due to a lack of players. (Who were subsequently discovered to have been upholding the "true" Bendix image at the bowling alley!). They borrowed two players and beat Whittaker 7-6, which stands in the record book as a Whittaker victory, their second this year. The other one was also a forfeit. The third game of the evening saw Whittaker "go down" to Raytheon, 11-6.

The second night of Bracket One contests saw play get off to a dull start with Lockheed sending Raytheon to finish the holiday season at home by a score of 2-0. This reporter has seen more action at a geriatric snail wrestling match. However, much to the relief of the fans, things picked up when Lockheed took on Bendix in the second game. Bendix managed to come with enough players this time but a number of them were requested to change out of their class "A" bowling shirts because of the distraction it caused the Lockheed hitters.

After three innings Bendix was leading 2-1 when Tony "Richter Scale" Laux blasted a shot to right field to score the tying run. Tony, utilizing his speed "raced" home on the next hit for a go ahead run. (Tony's speed between home plate and first base was a bone of contention all night, the matter finally was put to a scientific timing method his next time up. However, the main members of the ongoing argument were unable to tie down his exact capability as no one had brought a calendar with which to determine his total elapsed time between bays.)

Mike Dennis hit a triple then scored on Mark Johnson's follow-on triple. He was pursued on the base paths by hard-hitting Henrie Fair, who was brought home on a rocket of a shot to center field by shortstop Gary Fagg. In the fifth it looked like a Bendix late

frame rally was developing when Harold Ericson and Tom Garcia came up with back to back blasts. However, the balance of the Bendix members didn't recognize them as their own team and left them stranded. A subsequent triple by Rick Max turned into a run on a Bendix error upping the final score to an 11-4 Lockheed win. Lockheed's defense, which got even better in the next game, was anchored by the sure hands of Bob Best in left field, D. Atkinson at first base and the better half, the best Best, at second base in the form of C. Best.

In the final game of Bracket One play, Lockheed took on everybody's favorite opponent, Whittaker. After three innings, to everyone's delight, Whittaker was holding them to a 0-0 tie. The Whittaker defense, which experiences some real highs like Claro, the "Filipino Flash", in center field and Joe Hastie (Kent Tekudvie look alike) at shortstop, to some really bottom of the ocean lows, like Gordon (Gordo to some), were unable to hang on for long. Although strong bench support from H. Kanfers and H. Ruth helped, along with one of the best looking gloves at third base to come along in quite some time in the guise of M. Donnell was contributory to their effort, these factors did little to keep Whittaker in the game. The Lockheed team started their final rumble when Tony "Winged Feet" Laux blasted yet another double, starting his team on their way to a 10-1 win.

It should also be noted that Meriden Yets star, Corky Muller, apparently showed up on the wrong night (he is play in the tournament for the Bracket Two team, the Top Ten), went through warm up and batting practice until he realized that he did not recognize any of the other players.

Yugoslavia pulls out

BELGRADE, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Yugoslavia has withdrawn from forthcoming international football competitions in Greece and New Delhi, India, partly because of shortage of money.

The Yugoslav Football Association Monday turned down an invitation to compete in the Balkan countries tournament in Greece from Feb. 1 to 4.



Rossi... way ahead

Rossi is European footballer of year

PARIS, Dec. 28 (R) — Italian World Cup hero Paolo Rossi has been voted European footballer of the year in the annual Ballon D'Or (golden ball) poll conducted by the sports magazine France-Football.

Rossi received 115 points out of a possible 130 from a panel of European sports writers, well ahead of French midfielder Alain Giresse of Bordeaux (68) and Juventus colleague Zbigniew Boniek of Poland (53). West German Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, winner for the past two years, finished fifth behind another Italian, Roma's Bruno Conti.

Italian champions Juventus had four representatives in the top 10 — Rossi, Boniek, Italian goalkeeper and World Cup captain Dino Zoff and French midfielder Michel Platini. Rossi, who returned from a two-year suspension to finish as top-scorer in Spain, is the first Italian winner of the award since Gianni Rivera in 1969.

Soviet star killed

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (R) — Soviet international soccer star Vitaly Daraselia was killed in a car crash on a mountain road in the Republic of Georgia, the official Tass news agency reported Tuesday.

Daraselia, 25, was one of the Soviet Union's best known midfielders and played in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain. He was a favorite with the fans of his club, Dynamo Tbilisi, and he scored the deciding goal when Tbilisi won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1981 with a 2-1 victory over Carl Zeiss Jena of East Germany.

Daraselia's energetic midfield play and scoring ability won him much praise and respect at home and abroad and he was recently named as one of the three best midfielders in the country by the Soviet Football Federation. Tass did not say when the accident took place.

Petrovic for London

BELGRADE, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Yugoslavia's Vladimir Petrovic is to go to London on Wednesday to sign a contract with English First Division club Arsenal, according to associates of the World Cup player here.

The Red Star Belgrade captain was earlier refused permission to leave Yugoslavia for the London club, despite signing a provisional contract, following Yugoslavia's disappointing performance in the World Cup finals in Spain.

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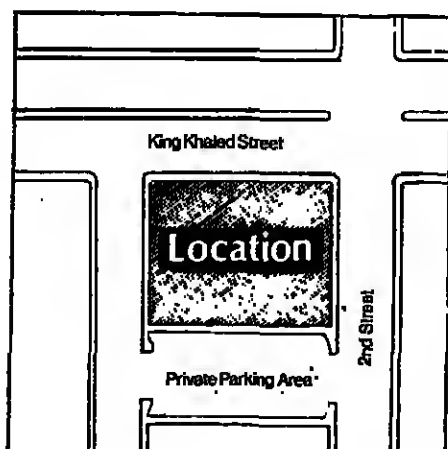
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Melbourne Test set for thrilling finish

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28 (AP) — The fate of the Ashes still hung in the balance on Tuesday after England had battled tenaciously to deny Australia an easy winning target in the fourth Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

As fortunes wavered throughout the third day's play, a fighting second innings display rescued the Englishmen and helped set their opponents 292 runs to seal the match and the series.

Australia went into the third day with a slender three-run first innings lead, hoping to limit England to a sub-250 total, but it was a 61-run partnership for the eighth wicket between Derek Pringle and Bob Taylor which thwarted the bid and lifted the visitors to their total of 294.

In another enthralling day's play before a crowd of 42,130 Tuesday, runs flowed among the tumbling wickets to confirm the tremendous improvement in the MCG wicket following the debacles of recent years.

With some cracks in the strip appearing, but only the occasional ball keeping low, the theory that the match might be decided on the whims of the pitch look to have been put to rest. Certainly, off-spinner Bruce Yardley is not entrapped by his assistance after failing to claim a second innings wicket and yielding 67 runs to his opponents from 15 overs.

But the ball has swung throughout the match and England have at last discovered a potent weapon in West Indian-born Paceman Norman Cowans.

Perhaps the weather may decide the outcome — in the cloudy, humid conditions on Sunday, Ian Botham rediscovered his well-known ability to swing the ball and medium-pace Derek Pringle also caused the batsmen some trouble.

As in the first two days of play, both sides had their heroes — for England, Graeme Fowler displayed increased confidence and authority in his innings of 65, while later in the innings Pringle showed true grit for 42 and "Keeper" Taylor produced some glorious drives among

his 37 runs.

Botham looked to be finding tough at last and lent a valuable hand with his 46 runs from 46 deliveries, but it was an untimely departure for the great all-rounder. Had Chappell dropped the sharp chance at slip off Jeff Thomson's bowling that led to his dismissal, Botham may well have paralled on the match with the type of innings that has been expected of him since his arrival in Australia.

For Australia, the three-pronged pace barrage was the saviour yet again, with Thomson, Hogg and Lawson all deserving praise for the manner in which they pressured the batsmen.

Lawson, with four for 66, was back to head the wicket taking and boost his tally to 30 for the series after remaining wicketless in the first innings. But Tuesday, after watching video replays, he would be the first to concede one of his victims — an English "kingpin" — was unlucky to fall to his appeal for a catch behind the stumps.

Umpire Rex Whitehead did not hesitate in ordering vice-captain David Gower back to the pavilion after he had attempted to swing Lawson down the leg side, but the replays raised doubt that the ball had struck either his bat or glove.

Score-board

England (1st innings)	284
Australia (1st innings)	287
England (2nd innings)	
G. Cook c Yardley b Thomson	26
G. Fowler b Hogg	65
C. Taylor b Hogg	0
D. Gower c Marsh b Lawson	3
A. Lamb c Marsh b Lawson	26
I. Botham c Chappell b Thomson	46
G. Miller b Lawson	14
D. Pringle c Marsh b Lawson	42
R. Taylor b Thomson	37
R. Willis not out	8
N. Cowans b Lawson	10
Extras	17
Total	294
Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-41, 3-45, 4-128, 5-129, 6-160, 7-201, 8-262, 9-280.	
Bowling: Lawson 21.4-6-66-4; Hogg 22.5-64-3; Thomson 21.3-74-3; Yardley 19.2-67-0; Chappell 1-0-6-0.	



Graeme Fowler...a confident innings of 65 which made him the top-scorer in England's second venture.

Graeme Fowler on injured list

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28 (AP) — English opener Graeme Fowler is in doubt for the fifth Test against Australia starting in Sydney on Jan. 2.

Fowler has a fractured big toe on his right foot and almost certainly will not field for England in Australia's second innings. He suffered the injury Tuesday when Australian speedster Jeff Thomson landed a delivery on Fowler's foot when he was 54, sending the batsman hopping away from his crease in pain.

Fowler continued to bat until he was 64 and then delayed play for seven minutes while David Gower was called onto the field as the runner. Fowler lasted only a short time before he was bowled by Rodney Hogg for 65.

Dickinson sparkles

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AFP) — English racehorse trainer Michael Dickinson, no stranger to setting records, put up his most remarkable performance yet, saddling 12 winners at six meetings Monday.

He took the day's top prize, the "King George VI Chase" at Kempton Park with Hayward Lad and followed up with a Wolverhampton "treble" and "doublets" at Huntingdon, Market Rasen, Sedgefield and Wetherby. He saddled 21 runners in all.

Sequel to WBA ruling Dokes, Weaver to battle it out anew

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 28 (AP) — The World Boxing Association ordered Monday a rematch of the Michael Dokes-Mike Weaver heavyweight championship fight.

WBA president Gilberto Mendoza said the decision was made at a special meeting of the association's executive committee during which videotapes of the controversial Dec. 10 fight were shown three times and technicians and doctors offered their assessments.

Dokes was listed as the champion in the WBA's rankings announced Monday for dethroning Weaver when the fight in Las Vegas, Nevada, which was stopped early in the first round by referee Joey Curtis. Weaver and his trainers protested vigorously that the bout should not have been halted.

Weaver was knocked down in the opening seconds but appeared to have recovered

when Curtis suddenly stopped the fight. The sudden ending prompted a chorus of boos and catcalls from spectators, and a charge by Weaver that a fix had been arranged by promoter Don King, a remark for which he later apologized.

King's son Carl manages Dokes, and King promotes the fights of WBC champion Larry Holmes. Curtis later said he had acted as he did because of the death of Korean Duk Koo Kim as the result of a brain injury suffered in a WBA lightweight title with Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini in the same ring about a month earlier.

"It is a situation that is presented when there are fights with a controversial result, and this is one of them," Elias Cordoba, president of the WBA's World Championships committee, said of the order for the rematch.

Mendoza said the fight must take place

within 90 days, by March 27. He said King will have a period of 30 days starting Monday to agree on terms for the new bout. If the agreement is not reached by then, the fight will be put up for public auction within the next 10 days.

Don Manuel, Weaver's representative, presented the petition for review to the executive committee. "We asked for the review because we were not in agreement and we thought that the decision that had been taken was not fair. Weaver and I are grateful to the association for the decision to repeat the fight," Manuel said.

Ed Brown, the WBA's regional vice president for North America, said that all officials and authorities for the Weaver-Dokes fight will be selected directly by the association and not by local boxing league of the site where it take place. That site has yet to be determined.

Splendid all-round show by Saudagar

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — A fine all-round show by Saudagar enabled Abdullah Hashim score a 55-run win over Iskander in the Abdullah Hashim Cricket League last weekend.

The athletic-built all-rounder first shone with the bat collecting an unbeaten 71 in his side's total of 241 three in their allotted overs and then went on to snatch five wickets for 46 runs to dismiss Iskander for 186.

Saudagar's fine show with the willow put the bright knocks of Tariq (57), Fayez Baloch (47) and Fazal (37 n.o.) in the dark as Abdullah Hashim totaled 241. With Anis scoring a delightful 78 and Irfan (61), things looked bleak for get going against the pace of Saudagar and were all out for 186. Sardar with a fighting 31 was the only other batsman, besides Anis and Irfan who put up some resistance.

At the Jeddah Lord's ground, Saad Electronics kept their clean slate by beating New Stars by eight wickets. New Stars winning the toss elected to bat and were soon in trouble as they lost the first three wickets with just 18 runs on board. However, a solid knock of 51 by Rizwan and Ali chipping in with 27 New Stars totaled 133.



Saudagar...steals show

In reply, Saad Electronics were in for an early shock when they lost a quick wicket, but this did not seem to rattle Javed, who aggregated 70 unbeaten runs despite the opponents using seven bowlers to try to get the better of him. And with Absar (28) and Arshad (23 not out) too doing well they crossed the winning target at the expense of just two wickets.

In the third match of the day, Dallah Avco chalked out a four-wicket victory over Zahid Tractors. Batting first Zahid Tractors scored 163 thanks to Sohail Butt (63), Arshad (24) and Jaffar (21). Dallah crossed that target with four wickets still in hand. Dallah's main contributors were Salman (51), Javid (36), Asim (22) and Khalid Masood (21).

Hansen, Ehlev share top bert

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, D. (AP) — Denmark's Curt Hansen and Elvest of the Soviet Union both scored victory in seventh-round action to maintain their shared first place in the European Junior Chess Championship Monday.

Hansen obtained a lasting edge early on in his encounter with Czechoslovakia's Igor Stohl. Playing white against Stohl's Pirc Defense, the Dane decided the game in a difficult ending at his 56th move.

Ehlev, also with white, faced Mark Condie of Scotland in a Sicilian defense. He acquired a commanding position when his opponent mishandled the middle game. Soon, Condie's position was hopeless, but he played on until his 51st move before he finally resigned.

Halfway through the tournament, Ehlev and Hansen share the lead in the standing with 6 points for an unbeaten performance of five wins and two draws.

Meanwhile, Soviet grandmaster Jose Dorfman moved into the lead of the Bhlwan International Chess Tournament by defeating Varghese Koshy of India in 35 moves, in New Delhi.

Dorfman had 7.5 points after the 10th round of the competition, followed by his compatriot, grandmaster Viktor Kupreichik, with 7. They were followed at 6.5 points each by 16-year-old Indian Dityendu Barua and Soviet grandmaster Mark Taimanov, who adjourned their 10th-round match after 42 moves with Taimanov in a slight advantage.

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Solidarity leader jailed for 4 years

WARSAW, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — A court in Wroclaw has sentenced Piotr Bednarz, one of the top leaders of the Solidarity underground movement, to four years in prison for carrying on trade union activity in defiance of martial law.

The official PAP news agency said Bednarz, who was a senior official of the independent Solidarity union before the military takeover and who briefly served on a national underground coordinating committee, was not given leave to appeal. PAP said he was convicted of "pursuing illegal trade union

activity and stage-managing strikes and protest actions," during the last year of martial law, under which Solidarity was at first suspended and later dissolved completely.

Bednarz was the second underground leader in the industrial city of Wroclaw to be captured and imprisoned. Last month, Wladyslaw Fraszynski, the local Solidarity chairman, was sentenced to six years in jail. Wroclaw and the surrounding lower Silesia region were the most volatile areas of protest during the period of military rule. Martial law is to be suspended Friday.

Meanwhile, the Polish government Monday passed a ruling transferring holdings of former trade unions to "newly created unions that have been registered and which are conducting activities in conformity with adopted by-laws." Polish state television said the edict applied to assets of "former employee committees of dissolved unions," and that it took into account the fact that the number of newly-formed registered unions beginning activities is increasing.

In another development, the Polish authorities made a personal attack Tuesday on Lech Walesa, leader of Solidarity, describing as irresponsible remarks he made in an interview with the West German weekly magazine *Bunte*. The Communist daily *Trybuna Ludu* quoted Walesa as praising the Germans for their aid during Poland's crisis and saying "the Poles and the Germans know what suffering means."

The paper carried an official commentary saying: "It is not enough to receive (foreign aid) parcels to conclude that one has something sensible to say about German issues." Walesa had no right to speak for other Poles, it said. "Walesa apparently is not aware that he hits out at the memory of millions of victims of Nazi bestiality by putting the sufferings of the Poles and the Germans on a par."

The paper also described as amazing and highly irresponsible a reported remark that the division of Germany was terrible.

U.S. calls for Korean rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AFP) — The United States Monday called for greater respect for human rights and "a more open" political system in South Korea following a statement by South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae Jung criticizing Washington's failure to impose a return to democracy there.

In an interview published in the *New York Times*, Kim, who arrived here Thursday after being authorized to follow treatment for arthritis, said that "the American government should make clear its stand on democracy and human rights and freedom." "When it doesn't," he added, "South Koreans feel sad and betrayed by a government we put so much trust in."

Sicily gripped by Mafia fear

PALERMO, Sicily, Dec. 28 (AFP) — The Mafia has struck fear once more into this Mediterranean island by slaying seven men within 36 hours, making a total of 147 brutal murders here this year in a fierce war between rival groups over control of the multi-million dollar narcotics racket.

Italy's efficient anti-terrorist chief, Gen. Alberto Dalla Chiesa, was expressly transferred here earlier this year to smash the Mafia. But he and his wife and their bodyguard were shot down in a Palermo street Sept. 3. Ever since, there has been a reign of terror, reaching a crescendo last Sunday when Mafia killers wred Berserk.

Two killers walked up to Gaspare Saccone, 34, as he sat in his parked car and blasted him to death at point-blank range. Giuseppe Genova, 38, who is related to a Mafia boss in Brazil, was shot dead in his Palermo restaurant together with two waiters, Antonio Amico, 17, and his brother Onofrio, 20.

Gaspare Ficano, a 50-year-old local man and his son, Michael, 26, were shot in their home Monday. The seventh victim was Massimo Pagano, 23, who was shot in Naples for refusing to pay "protection money" to the Mafia.

There can be no doubt that 1982 will go down in the records of the Mafia as one of its most bloody years.

Leak may delay Challenger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AFP) — A fuel leak may delay the maiden flight of the second American space shuttle, *Challenger*, scheduled for the end of January, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said Tuesday.

NASA technicians found a hydrogen leak in the shuttle's rear compartment during a bench test of the space craft's three engines at Cape Canaveral, Florida, Dec. 18, a NASA statement said.



SNOW: A main street in Colorado is all snow and pedestrians seem to make as much progress through snow-bound streets as autos are spun out in various directions.

Man freezes to death in Colorado

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Travelers from Louisiana to Nebraska were begged to stay put as blinding snow, freezing rain and flooded roads stranded hundreds of motorists, forced evacuation of more than 1,300 persons and left at least 13 dead.

Snow was falling faster than snowplows could clear it in Nebraska, where a blizzard advisory remained in effect through Tuesday. "You can't even see your hand in front of

your face out there," said Dan McCaslin, the town marshal in Anselmo, Nebraska.

Cold air sweeping south from Canada collided with mild air from the Gulf of Mexico creating weather havoc from Colorado to Minnesota and Michigan, with heavy rain continuing for a third day in the Gulf coast states. More rain was falling Tuesday on flood-ravaged parts of Missouri and Illinois. The death toll from the storm that began over

the Christmas weekend rose to 13, including an elderly man who apparently froze to death on his way to pick up a borrowed heater in Federal Heights, Colorado.

Up to 10 inches of snow fell on Nebraska Monday's blizzard, and blowing snow reduced visibility to nearly zero in Kansas. "We're begging people out to travel," said Bob Munger, a spokesman for the department of roads in Nebraska. A bus skidded off a highway near Kearney, Nebraska, injuring 25 persons. Frustrated state officials pulled snowplows off roads Monday night. "It's just coming down so fast," said state patrol dispatcher Barb Viergutz in Norfolk.

Floodwaters swept through the Louisiana purchase gardens the zoo in Monroe, and a lemur was carried away, but rescued and revived.

French towns threatened by Seine River

ROUEN, France, Dec. 28 (R) — The ancient city of Rouen in Northern France and 46 surrounding towns and villages are on alert as the River Seine threatens to burst its banks along a 100-kilometer stretch.

Local officials said hundreds of troops, firemen and police with motorboats and a helicopter were standing by to help the 46 towns and villages in the danger zone between Elbeuf and Caudebec-en-Caux on either side of Rouen. Farmers have been told to move their livestock away from the Seine and a constant watch is being kept on the water level.

Basque threatens to kill captive

BILBAO, North Spain, Dec. 28 (AFP)

— The separatist Basque Eta Political-Military Movement (ETA-PM) Tuesday claimed responsibility for the kidnapping Nov. 14, near San Sebastian, of Basque industrialist Saturnino Orbeago.

In a communique made public here Tuesday and considered authentic, the ETA-PM threatened to "execute" Orbeago, 70, if his family did not meet ETA-PM demands. While the communique did not mention any figures, a source close to the

organization said the ETA-PM was demanding a ransom of \$630,000 and that the family had offered half this amount.

The ETA-PM said the kidnapping was political since Orbeago was a member of what it termed the "hawks" of the business community, led by Luis Olarra. Olarra announced plans four days after the kidnapping for "direct action" against terrorism to supplement measures taken by the police.

Reagan recommissions war ship

LONG BEACH, California, Dec. 28 (AP)

— U.S. President Ronald Reagan Tuesday recommissioned the *USS New Jersey*, a renovated World War II battleship which he said shows the United States is "rearming with prudence."

While naval experts questioned the usefulness of the ship which cost \$326 million to renovate, Reagan said "the price of neglect would be infinitely higher." He said the Soviet Union had reached "superpower

status only by virtue of its military might. It has done so by sacrificing and ignoring achievements in any and every other field."

The Soviets, he said, have built a navy for offensive action, to cut free world supply lines and prevent free world allies from reaching each other in war. The president made this remarks in a speech prepared for delivery at a dockside ceremony that officially brings the battleship back to the fleet.

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conflicts or imperiling its boundaries. International peace and security have always been viewed by Lebanon as the guarantee for both its independence and territorial integrity.

"Lebanon's attachment to the United Nations Charter makes it imperative for us to seek the application of the pertinent Security Council resolutions. It was in this spirit that the Lebanese government signed with no reservations the general armistice agreement with Israel on 23 March 1949.

"May I be allowed to recall that article 8 of that agreement states that 'it shall remain in force until a peaceful settlement between the parties is achieved.' The same article also implies that the agreement has a permanent and final character which distinguishes it from classical armistice agreements.

"In fact, the Lebanese-Israeli armistice agreement cannot be denounced by either party. In other words, neither Lebanon nor Israel can unilaterally decide to ignore the stipulated obligations under the agreement. My delegation believes that the Ras Naqura agreement remains the juridical instrument regulating the Lebanese-Israeli relations. Yet following the 1967 hostilities, the Israeli government accused Lebanon of having declared war "along the classical methods," which could have at that time annulled the agreement.

"We have always rejected this accusation. Lebanon did not declare war on Israel in 1967. Lebanon did not resort to any belligerent action against Israel, the international community witnessed. All diplomatic archives unequivocally testify to that fact.

"We deem it important to remind all concerned here that the Palestinian presence on our territory was at the origin of serious troubles here and elsewhere. This presence Lebanon cannot be held responsible nor accountable for. We did not want it nor provoked it. But if the 1949 agreement cannot be abrogated in its essential component, it is too doubt susceptible of being interpreted, revised or completed by mutual agreement in a manner that would lead us all toward the achievement of the permanent peace which is its goal.

"Indeed, peace has been a constant aspiration of the peoples of the region. However, its fulfillment has not been permitted by the evolution of events. Lebanon is looking forward to peace, nevertheless, respectful of its bonds with members of the international community who are equally interested in a settlement of the Middle East question.

"Lebanon shall not undertake alone any action which may prejudice the extension of the peace process and security in the region. Nor will Lebanon accept to jeopardize by any such action the fulfillment of the historical mission it has set for itself within the Arab

world. Furthermore, my delegation believes that it is in the interest of all concerned that Lebanon's traditional role as a mediator should be safeguarded.

"Lebanon takes note with satisfaction of the statements made by the Israeli officials, particularly in the Security Council, affirming that Israel has no territorial ambitions in Lebanon and reiterating Israel's respect of Lebanon's internationally recognized boundaries.

"Our first objective is to seek the restoration of Lebanon's sovereignty and full authority over the whole of its territory. Only through total, exclusive exercise of its full authority can Lebanon maintain law and order internally and guarantee security along its borders.

"Hence, Lebanon requests that all non-Lebanese troops and forces actually stationed de facto within its internationally recognized boundaries must withdraw according to a comprehensive plan of evacuation by the terms of a specific and accelerated schedule.

"It is the modalities of implementation of such a fundamental exigency that we should like to start examining in this conference, being fully aware as we all are of our respective security concerns."

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that he mentioned in his opening talks.

"It should be recalled that on the eve of the six-day war in 1976 the leaders of Lebanon at the time declared their association with the Arab armies. They refused to meet our representatives, saying that a state of war exists. And from our point of view, what was even more serious and grave, after the war they signed the Cairo agreement and other agreements allowing the terrorists to establish what we call a state within a state and to operate freely from Lebanese territory against Israel in complete violation of the armistice agreement.

"We, therefore, consider that these acts terminate in fact de facto the armistice agreement. But more than that, the new relations which we wish to see evolve from the negotiations which begin today will in every sense of the word supersede those armistice agreements and that armistice declaration which will become in our eyes completely null and void by the agreement that we hope to sign here, an agreement which we believe will be but a step away from the full, final, formal peace treaty that we would like to see come about.

"We certainly have no feelings of enmity for the Lebanese. The aim of these negotiations is not to end any conflict between the Lebanon and Israel, for no real conflict exist between us. Our military efforts during this past year was never directed against Lebanon

and its citizens but against the terrorists who have transformed the Lebanon into a base for aggression against us against the will of the Lebanese.

"We did not attack Lebanon or her people but were forced to remove the threats which the presence of the terrorists on her soil signified for us. That presence made a mockery of Lebanon's independence and sovereignty. The political and military infrastructure which the terrorists had established posed a danger both to Lebanon and to Israel which had to be removed for the well-being of our two peoples.

"Now that has been achieved, we believe that nothing will prevent us from living in good neighborliness and in peace as two sovereign and independent countries living side by side in friendship and in security, for what we wish is both the friendship and the security. "These are the aims we have set ourselves in the negotiations, and let us hope that they will be crowned with success for the good of us all.

"Finally, a personal word. As one who has followed closely the unfolding drama of the past few years in the Lebanon, I feel personally moved in being here in the Lebanon today to head the Israeli delegation at this auspicious occasion. Thank you."

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much of Lebanese territory and that it wants to withdraw its military forces. For its part,

Indians land on Antarctica

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (AFP) — A second Indian scientific expedition landed on Antarctica Tuesday, official reports reaching here said.

The 28-strong team left Dec. 1 from Goa, the former Portuguese enclave on India's southwestern coast, in the specially-equipped Norwegian ship *Polar Circle*. The first Indian expedition had landed there last Jan. 9 after sailing from Goa Dec. 6 1981. The new expedition will conduct survey for selecting a site for establishing a permanent Indian research station in that region, in addition to scientific experiments.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, now campaigning for the state elections in Karnataka, conveyed "good wishes and congratulations to the expedition leader, V.K. Raina, director of the Geological Survey of India which sponsored the mission, official reports said.

The landing took place on an ice shelf, about 20 kilometers from the shores, at 1100 hours local (1530 GMT). Tuesday, the Department of Ocean Development (DOD) here said.

The team will cover a 100-kilometer stretch of ice on scooters carrying their equipment to reach the area where the first expedition had its base camp.

Poll shows Greeks most optimistic

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP) — The Greeks and South Koreans are the most optimistic about 1983 while the Peruvians and Belgians take the gloomiest view of the new year, a Gallup international poll revealed Tuesday.

A cross-section of adults in 31 countries polled in the closing months of 1982 for London's *Daily Telegraph* newspaper found Americans the most optimistic of peoples in the major Western industrial powers, that next year will be better than 1982. Greeks and Britons were the only West Europeans with more optimists than pessimists. Three years ago in a similar poll, Britons were the most pessimistic, *The Telegraph* said.

Optimists outnumbered pessimists by 41 percent in Greece, 37 percent in South Korea, 30 percent in Colombia, 18 percent in the United States, Costa Rica and Brazil, 17 percent in India, 13 percent in Britain, 10 percent in Canada and three percent in Japan and the Philippines.

Lebanon has affirmed that it does not intend to allow its territory to become again a base for hostile actions directed against Israel.

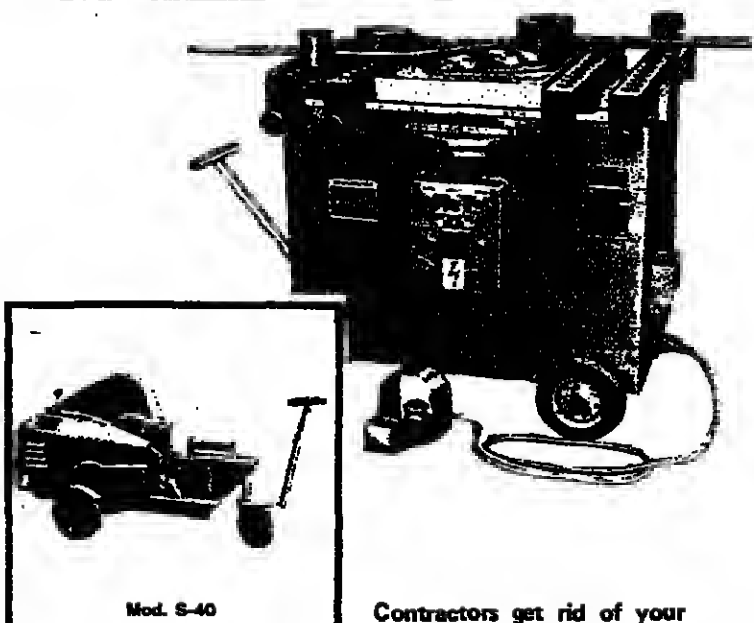
"Israel, Lebanon and the United States also agree on the need for the quickest possible withdrawal of all external military forces from Lebanon. The initiation of these negotiations is a major and indispensable step toward the achievement of this goal held in common. Peace and security, however, are as always basic issues with two options which are destined by history and geography to live together.

"Will we be destined to see a repetition of the violence, instability and suffering of the past? Or will we see imagination and vision on the part of the representatives at this table?

"We have an historic opportunity to set the stage for a future filled with hope. I am sure all of us agree that we must proceed rapidly and cooperatively and with a sense of the good will that I know is present to bring about an early and successful conclusion of the negotiations.

"With that outcome in combination with arrangements for the withdrawal of external military forces from Lebanon, Israel will be assured that its fundamental security interests would be met and Lebanon will be able to embark confidently on a long overdue course of national recovery. "I pray that God blesses our efforts."

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